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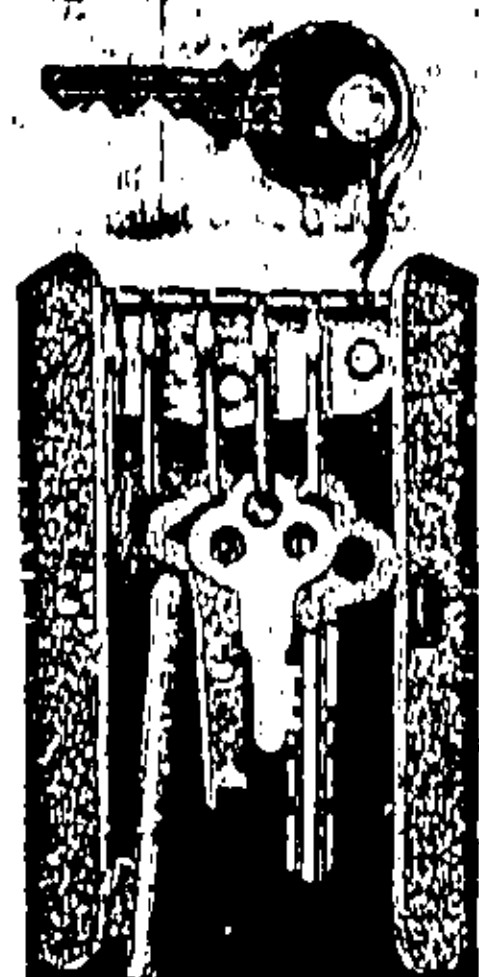


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INCIDENT IN A YARD.

Provocation in Assault
Case.

Mr. Marion B. King, a director of the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd., was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning for assaulting a Chinese youth thirteen years of age.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, appeared on behalf of the complainant and Mr. P. G. Vaux defended.

Mr. Leask said that the case was one of common assault. The complainant was employed at the Kid Cafe, 8 Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley. Without any cause or provocation, the defendant hit the complainant on the face and kicked him.

Complainant, who presented a diminutive figure in the witness box, said that he was employed at the Kid Cafe. At 8 p.m. on December 3 he was moving furniture into the yard. A night-soil coolie arrived and witness scolded her for coming so early. Witness went on with his work, moving things into the Cafe. All of a sudden, defendant rushed into the Cafe, dragged witness out into the yard and struck him on the face and kicked him. Some folk came out and defendant went back into his own house. Witness complained to his manager who sent him to a doctor.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux, witness said that he was "very unconscious" and did not know how many blows were struck. He had a swollen face as a result of the blows.

His Worship: You can offer no explanation whatever as to why he should do this?—Only scolded the night-soil coolies.

Mr. Vaux: Were you singing?—Inside the house.

Mr. Vaux: Did anyone tell you to keep quiet?—No.

Mr. Vaux: Did you take a pumelo skin and throw it into the defendant's kitchen?—I did not.

Mr. Vaux: I put it to you that you were only slapped on the face twice.—He did more than that, he struck random blows with his fist.

Mr. Vaux: Did you throw anything at all into the kitchen?—Nothing at all.

A fellow employee at the Cafe said that he was working at the time and witnessed the assault. He did not see complainant throw anything through the kitchen window.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux, witness said that he heard complainant singing.

S. L. Yen, the proprietor of the Kid Cafe, said that complainant and the 2nd witness were in his employ. He heard a noise, and going out into his yard he saw the complainant crying and the defendant standing at his door.

Mr. Leask: Did he make any complaint about anyone breaking crockery?—No.

Mr. Leask: It tends to spoil your business if you have incidents like this?—Yes. We have only been open three months.

Mr. Leask: Has the defendant at any time complained of the behaviour of your boys?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux, witness said that his Cafe was open all day long, closing at midnight.

Mr. Vaux: Do you agree that half the yard belongs to you and half to the defendant?—Yes.

Defendant's Evidence:

Defendant in the witness box, said that he was a director of the Dragon Motor Car Company Ltd. He arrived home at 8 o'clock and proceeded to have his dinner. He was away from his house all the afternoon. Shortly after commencing his dinner, he heard a tremendous rattle and crash in the kitchen. He went into his kitchen and saw broken crockery and a pumelo skin. Witness took hold of complainant and stepped

READY SHORTLY.

WANHSIEN INCIDENT
PAPERS.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons today, in reply to Mr. J. R. Clynes, the Labour leader, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, hoped to lay before the House the papers with regard to the Wanhsien incident very shortly. He said the Admiralty had promised to send the Foreign Office the naval report this week, and the report of the British Consul at Chungking left Peking on November 15.

Mr. Clynes asked whether any steps would be taken to expedite the receipt of this information. He suggested that in view of the repeated questions on the subject in the past few weeks the House was entitled to this information before rising.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he was anxious to give the House the information as soon as he was able to get it himself. He believed the report of the Consul at Chungking was coming by the shortest route and was not awaiting the usual bags.

Capt. G. M. Garro-Jones (Liberal) asked why these vital reports should not be tabled.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that if the Foreign Office had to conduct all its business by cable he was afraid Capt. Garro-Jones would soon find fault with their estimates.

Capt. Garro-Jones contended that this was a case of exceptional importance involving a question of peace or war.

There was no answer to this remark.—Reuter.

FUGA ISLAND SALE.

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA'S
DENIAL.

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha emphatically denies the report from Manila that they are attempting to buy Fuga Island.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

PRINCE REMAINS WITH
EMPEROR.

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

The Prince Regent's intention of returning to Tokyo to-day has been cancelled owing to the Emperor's condition.—Reuter.

him twice. He did not strike the boy and did not hear or see him cry. Witness then resumed his interrupted dinner.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leask, witness said that he did not see who caused the damage.

Mr. Leask: Why did you slap the boy?—My cook-boy told me that he was the offender.

Mr. Leask: Have you complained of him before?—No.

Mr. Leask: Why didn't you pick on the 2nd witness?—My boy said that it was the other one.

Mr. Leask: So you were ready to pick on anybody that night?—Yes, any offender.

Mr. Leask: Did you complain to the proprietor about the breakage of crockery?—No.

Defendant's cook boy gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Vaux, addressing the Magistrate said that he could find the assault either justified or trivial. He would ask that his Worship find that it was both. Defendant had suffered damage, but had not summoned the complainant for the breakage of the crockery.

Mr. Leask said that the fact that the defendant did not report the breakage at the time was very significant.

His Worship said that he believed the evidence of the defendant and found that there was provocation. That, however, did not justify the defendant dragging the boy from the cafe and committing the assault. There would be a fine of \$10.

CANTON'S CAPTURES.

Two Important Cities
Taken.

MOVING EAST AND WEST.

But Not Yet Northwards Against
Chang Tso-lin.

Two important captures in the Yangtze River valley are reported in Chinese cables as having been accomplished this week by the Nationalist forces.

The two places which the Cantonese are said to have entered are Hangchow, capital of Chekiang province, on the central China coast, and Shasi, a port on the middle Yangtze, about 200 or more miles above Hankow.

It has not been denied, even by sources supposedly antagonistic to Canton, that the Kuomintang vanguard has crossed the provincial border from Kiangsi into Chekiang (i.e., eastwards, towards the coast from their bases further inland).

Very Near Shanghai.

Hangchow is very close to Shanghai and these two cities are connected by railway. A month or two ago, the then Civil Governor of Chekiang (General Hsia Chao) started a rising to establish Kuomintang rule in Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's rear, but the attempt was suppressed in less than a week.

Now that the Cantonese have begun to over-run Chekiang there is more than a possibility that they will move northwards towards Shanghai and Nanking (the capital of Kiangsu province) which are both to the south of the Yangtze River.

History to Be Repeated.

The victorious (Sun) expedition from Szechwan into subjugated Fukien province, is also making north to enter Chekiang from the south as Marshal Sun Chuan-fang did two years ago when the rival warlord of Kiangsu and Chekiang disputed the right to the Chinese city adjoining Shanghai and the surrounding territory.

To-day's cables indicate that the generals remaining loyal to Sun Chuan-fang are preparing to stand their ground on the boundary between these two provinces (i.e., inland near the "buffer" prefecture of Sung Kiang).

Resolutions have been passed by civil administrators and other sections in Chekiang, some in favour of the Cantonese and others protesting against interference with the provincial government.

Chang Nearing Home.

Hitherto Chekiang politicians have insisted on one of their own provincials assuming the reins of government. And General Chang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Cantonese Armies, is a native of Chekiang.

It has been noticeable that the Southerners, while continuing gradually to extend their power, have moved eastwards and westwards instead of marching on to the North and crossing the Yangtze which divides China into two halves.

Nor has Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Northern leader, sent his troops to any position along the Yangtze where they will be directly facing the Cantonese.

Clearing the Obscurity.

The other capture by the Nationalists, that of Shasi, is significant in that westwards (above) of Hankow, the position has been obscure for months, both sides claiming the allegiance of generals on the spot.

Shasi is in the south-west of Hupeh province, which is practically wholly in Cantonese hands.

The cable does not say who provided the opposition to the Southerners at Shasi. Accordingly, it can only be surmised that the general who held the port was formerly a subordinate of the Marshal Wu Pei-fu (prior to the latter's retreat northwards into Honan province) and that he resisted the Cantonese advance not because of loyalty to Wu but because he wished to preserve what was his by conquest.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/16.

TREATY DISPUTE.

BELGIUM AND CHINA'S
ATTITUDE.

APPEAL TO HAGUE COURT.

Brussels, Dec. 14.

The Foreign Minister, M. Vander Velde, interviewed on his return from Geneva, stated that he discussed the Belgian and Chinese dispute, also the general situation, with Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand.

Belgium had no political ambitions in China. She could not agree to accept the *modus vivendi* of nine months, instead of the treaty of 1865, because if she did so she might at the end of the nine months find herself without either the *modus vivendi* or a new treaty.

Therefore she was going to the Hague Court in order to obtain a declaration that China alone could not abrogate the treaty.

Belgium was always on the side of those desiring to abolish institutions forcibly imposed on China which were bound to be carried away by the revolt of national sentiment which it would be more and more impossible to suppress.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, continued M. Van Der Velde, was considering common action on the part of the Powers concerned whereby it meant, not the despatch of troops to China, but the adoption of a liberal pacific policy in the face of the Chinese national movement.

Such a project could not fail to have the sympathy of Belgium which had always given to the national aspirations of a great people.

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OPIUM IN SUIT CASE FALSE
BOTTOM.

INGENUOUS CONTRIVANCE.

A new suit case with an ingeniously fitted false bottom, was displayed in Mr. Lindell's Court this morning when Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt charged a well-dressed Chinese with being in unlawful possession of opium, and with selling the drug.

Insp. Watt informed the Magistrate that the defendant was found in Wanchai trying to sell the opium, of which 19½ taels were hidden in the false bottom of the suit case.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2,000 or eight months' hard labour, and ordered the opium and suit case to be confiscated.

THEFTS FROM SHOPS.

POLICE MAKING FURTHER
INQUIRIES.

PEDDER STREET ARRESTS.

The two men arrested yesterday at Messrs. Sennet Fyres' shop in Pedder Street were brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with the attempted larceny of three watches.

The Police asked for a remand in police custody for two days in order that inquiries might be made in connection with a number of thefts from other European stores during recent weeks.

His Worship granted the application, remanding the accused in custody until Friday morning.

BOXER'S DEATH.

SKULL "FRACTURED" IN
FIGHT.

A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Hartford, Connecticut, Dec. 14. Following a fight with Elmer Friedman of Boston, last night, the French light-heavyweight, Charles Pegulham, died in hospital with a fractured skull.

It was his first fight in America.

Friedman has been arrested. —Reuter's American Service.

Later. Friedman has been charged with manslaughter. He has been admitted to bail of \$1,000. —Reuter's American Service.

A Chinese woman living at 29 Poyang Street has reported to the Police that a rent collector entrusted with jewellery valued \$945 has absconded.

ORIENTAL BANK.

Liquidators Removed By
Court.

PETITIONER'S ALLEGATIONS.

"Withdrew Sums On Day Of
Closure."

An order was made in the Supreme Court this morning for the compulsory winding-up of the Oriental Commercial Bank (registered offices in Hong Kong) and for the removal of liquidators.

The alleged withdrawal of \$16,000 by one of the liquidators (a director of the Bank) on the day the Bank closed its doors was referred to in the petition as a "matter which requires investigation." The appointment as a trustee of a junior clerk who was the holder of 200 shares in the Bank was also the subject of reference.

The application for winding-up and removal of liquidators was made by Mr. H. C. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) on behalf of Mr. D. M. Biggar, attorney for the trustee of American institutions (in liquidation), who were creditors of the Bank.

The Bank, said Mr. Sheldon, was incorporated in May, 1922, with registered offices in Hong Kong and a nominal capital of \$5,000,000, there being 200,000 shares of \$25 each, the amount paid up or credited as paid up being \$174,125.

U.S. Bank Creditor. The American institutions, the trustee of which was represented by the petitioner, said Mr. Sheldon, were the Canton Bank, the Anglo-Californian Trust Company and the Anglo-Californian Securities Company, all of San Francisco. The Bank, according to the petition, were creditors to the extent of \$1,000,000 for moneys deposited to cover foreign drafts, the other two Companies were creditors for \$245,000, moneys paid as loan pending the completion of a sale which, in fact, was not yet completed.

The Bank closed its doors on June 9, 1926, said Mr. Sheldon, and at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on June 18, the following resolutions were passed: "That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the meeting that the Bank cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, that it is advisable to wind up same and that the Bank should be wound up voluntarily; that Messrs. Lai Hin-man, Kwok Tat-sun, Ip Pik-chuen and Lui Sui-sang be appointed liquidators at a remuneration of \$300 each per month during the winding up."

These resolutions, continued Mr. Sheldon, were confirmed as special resolutions at an extraordinary general meeting held on July 5, 1926.

The Petition.

Mr. Sheldon then read from the petition as follows:—

"Lai Hin-man was a director of the Oriental and Commercial Bank and under circumstances that require investigation withdrew \$16,039.60 on the day that it closed its doors."

"Kwok Tat-sun was an employee of the Bank engaged as a junior clerk at the paying-in counter. He is the registered holder of 200 shares of the Bank. 'Ip Pik-chuen, on August 3, through his solicitors, informed the Registrar of Companies that, owing to ill-health, he did not propose to take an active part in the liquidation of the Bank."

"Lui Sui-sang stated at the first meeting of creditors that he resigned from the position of liquidator."

Neither of the two latter liquidators had been served with a notice of the petition, said Mr. Sheldon, as they were out of the Colony. Neither had taken an active part in the liquidation, according to the petition.

Auditors' Report.

On August 3, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming prepared a preliminary statement of affairs reporting on the position of the Bank, continued Mr. Sheldon, reading from the petition. This reported that at a meeting on June 9, the day on which the Bank closed its doors, a

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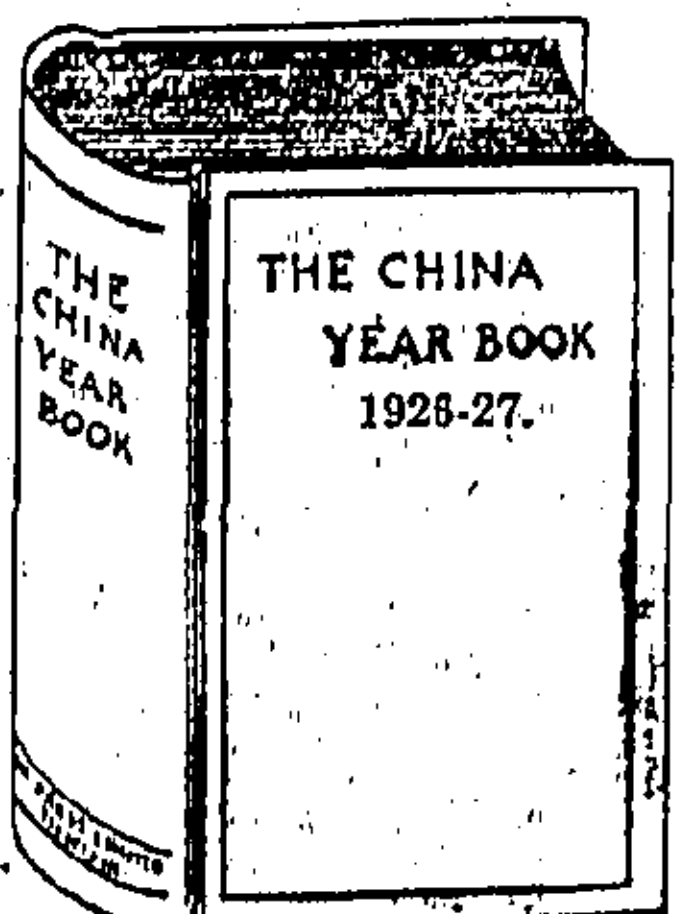
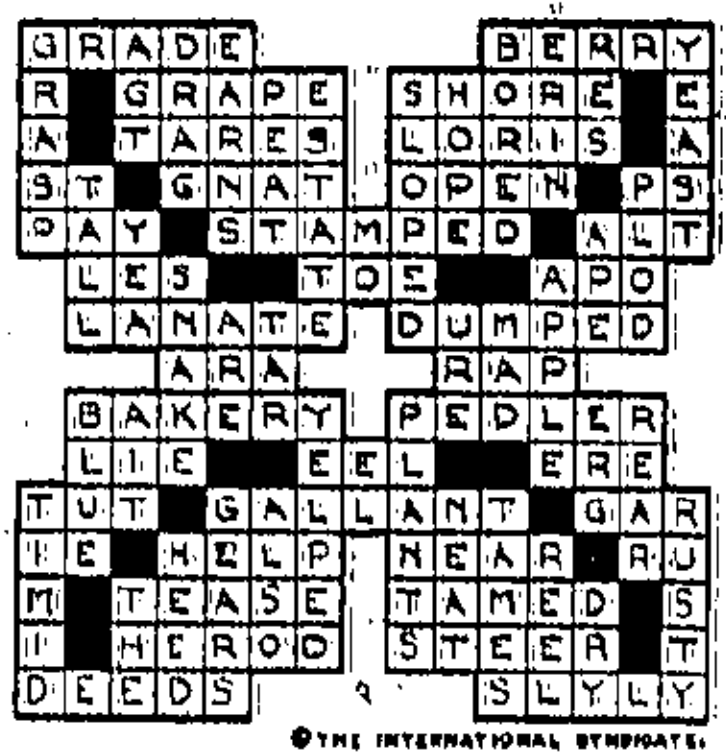
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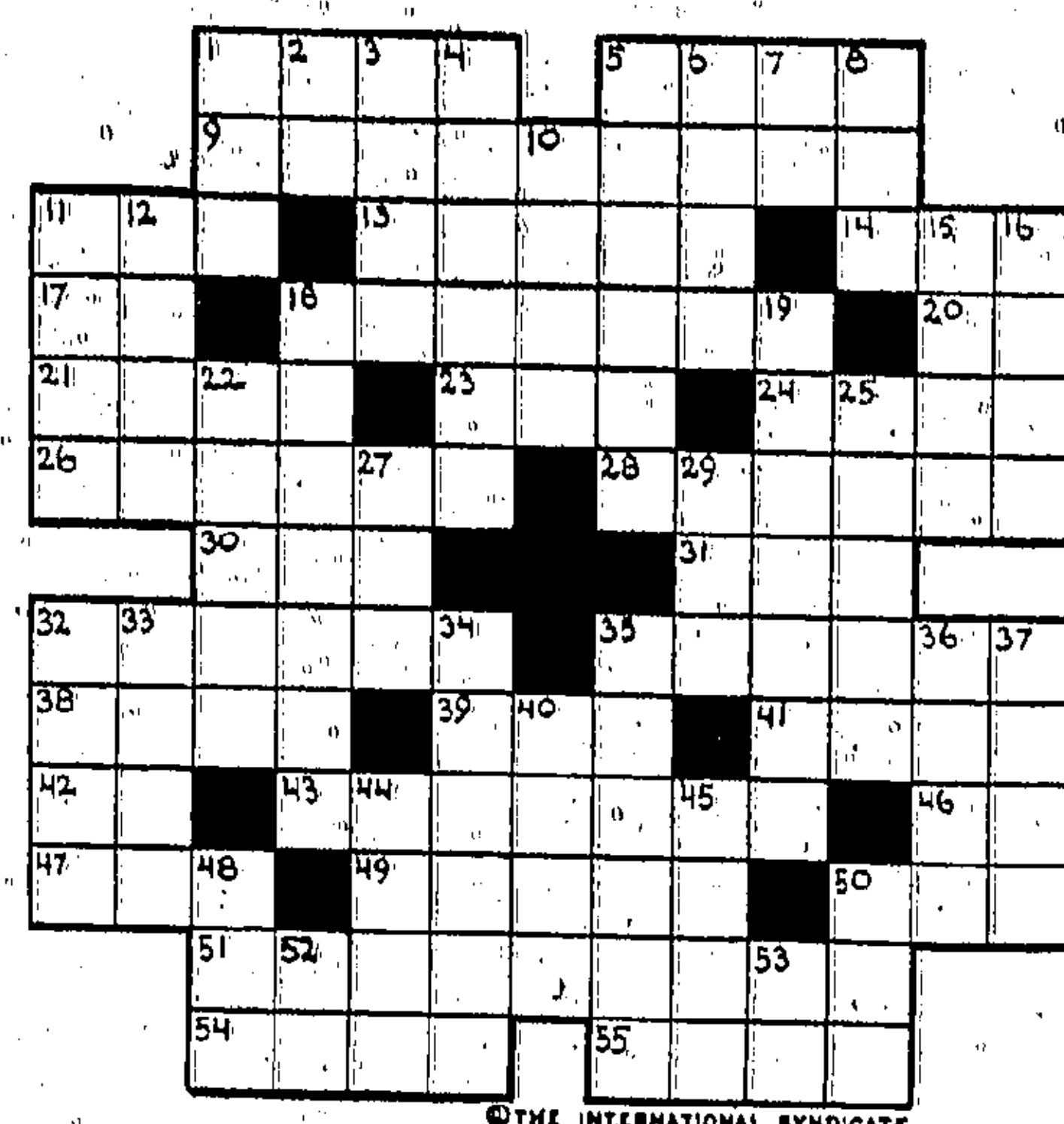
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was made payable on 15th Decem-
ber, 1926, the General Managers,
and the Consulting Committee,
have decided, in view of the con-
ditions prevailing at present, to fur-
ther extend the time for payment
of this Call.Notice is accordingly hereby
given that the date for payment of
the Final Call is postponed to 15th
day of March, 1927, and that the
Form of Bankers Receipt already
sent to Shareholders can be used
as though the date named thereon
were 15th March, 1927.For the Hong Kong Rope
Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1926.**PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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GENERAL MEETING of PEAK
TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at the Hong Kong
Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria in
the Colony of Hong Kong, on
MONDAY, the 20th day of Decem-
ber, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the fore-
noon when the subjoined Resolu-
tion will be proposed as an Extra-
ordinary Resolution viz:—"That the Regulations contain-
ed in the printed document
submitted to the meeting and for
the purpose of identification
submitted by the Chairman
thereof be approved and adopted
as the Articles of Association of
the Company in substitution for
and to the exclusion of all exist-
ing Articles thereof."AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN that a Further EXTRAOR-
DINARY GENERAL MEETING of
the Company, will be held at the
same place on MONDAY, the Tenth
day of January, 1927, at 11 o'clock
in the forenoon for the purpose
of receiving a report of the proceed-
ings of the above mentioned meet-
ing and of confirming, if thought
fit, as a Special Resolution the
above mentioned Resolution.Dated this 15th day of December,
1926.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.**MRS. SEMA BELLIOS,
(Deceased.)**ALL PERSONS having claims
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strate that there is little new in
the way of circus preparations to
be learned by the management of
this enterprising show.As already stated the circus
comes with a big reputation. The
artists are said to be expert en-
tertainers, whilst the ballet
dancers have delighted thousands
up North.Seats may be booked at Ander-
son's.**DISARMAMENT.**A REVIEW OF THE LEAGUE'S
DISCUSSION.Rugby, Dec. 14.
Reviewing the Geneva disar-
mament discussions in a speech to
the League of Nations Parliamentary
Committee at the House of Com-
mons last night, Lord Cecil said an
agreement had been reached on the
fundamental point that the object
of reduction or limitation must be
actual peace armaments of the dif-
ferent countries and that it was
impossible to limit the potential
war strength, which depended on
various uncontrollable factors,
such as geography, population and
natural resources. The view gen-
erally held was that the first cri-
terion should be the number of
men. The conclusion thus based
could be carefully checked by com-
parison of budget expenditures.A further possible check was de-
tailed scrutiny of expenditure on
certain types of arms, such as guns
and tanks.Regarding divergent views on
methods of measuring naval arma-
ments, Lord Cecil thought a com-
promise might be reached by com-
bining the limitation of total ton-
nage with an agreement on the fu-
ture building programmes.Air limitation was more difficult,
but experts appeared to favour the
limitation of total horsepower of
each country's whole air force.Lord Cecil expressed a belief
that short of the disclosure of mili-
tary secrets, full information on
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forces could be given to the League,
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EXPLOSION.
23 PEOPLE KILLED.Paris, Dec. 14.
The death toll in the chlorine
disaster at Saint Auban is now
23.Thirty persons have been
seriously gassed. Five of these
are in a precarious condition.
Forty others have been less
seriously injured.The cause of the accident is
not yet known.—Reuter.**Scenes of Horror.**Paris, Dec. 14.
Fifteen persons were killed and
30 seriously injured at Saint
Auban, near Dighe, through the
explosion of a reservoir contain-
ing 20,000 kilograms of liquid
chlorine.The roof of the factory fell in,
and volumes of deadly gas swept
into the building.Some were killed outright,
others struggled blindly through
the fumes, groping for the exit.
Others, unscathed, scrambled
through the wreckage and wildly
stampeded for the open air, only
to be overcome and asphyxiated.Heroic efforts were made to
rescue a number imprisoned in
the building.There were 1,500 employees.—
Reuter.**LIBERAL SPLIT.**MR. LLOYD GEORGE
"CHANGING STEP."**INDISCREET CHINA SPEECH.**London, Dec. 14.
The fusion of all the Liberal
forces and funds, which was
a resolution made at a meeting
of the Party on November 24 fol-
lowing an offer by Mr. Lloyd
George to finance the Liberals at
the next General Election, now
seems unlikely.Viscount Grey presiding at a
dinner in honour of Mr. Vivian
Phillips, the chief Liberal organi-
ser, declared there was no ques-
tion of leadership or creating an
organised schism within the Party,
but a feeling of mutual trust was
absolutely impossible. Confidence
had been destroyed; and it was im-
possible to keep step with Mr. Lloyd
George."If we said we were ready to
march side by side we should be
ready to fall out of step within
a short time. It is not we but he
who changes step. It is not Lord
Asquith and his friends who are
responsible for disunion."Viscount Grey thought Mr.
Lloyd George's speech about
China was detrimental to British
interests and would make a set-
tlement of the China problem more
difficult. "British policy and re-
putation have already been very
unfairly represented in China.
That any leading man in public
life in Britain should have made a
speech to add to this impression
abroad is most unfortunate."When the resolution was passed
by 24 to 11, the Asquithians, head-**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.****HERTZOG ELOQUENT**HIGH PRAISE OF EMPIRE
IDEALS.Rugby, Dec. 14.
General Hertzog, on reaching
Capetown yesterday from the Im-
perial Conference, delivered a
speech which created a deep im-
pression.He said he had hitherto been a
lifelong antagonist of Imperialism,
but after the declaration issued by
the Imperial Conference he no
longer had the fear of our Empire,
and was convinced that for the
Dominions as for Britain there was
no other path along which the in-
terest of each individual associated
State and interest of them all could
be better safeguarded.Were he a South African of Eng-
lish descent, he would feel all the
more love and respect for Britain,
as a country which through free
constitutions and a compromise
use of them, had made the younger
nations "as free as the Motherland,
and at the same time standing in
a close attitude of affection."—
British Wireless Service.ed by Mr. Vivian Phillips, walked
out in protest.—Reuter.

No Confidence in Lloyd George.

Rugby, Dec. 14.

Three hundred prominent Lib-
erals attended the Party dinner,
including the "Shadow cabinet"
signatories of a letter supporting
Lord Oxford's attitude towards Mr.
Lloyd George after the general
strike.Viscount Grey's speech in which
the cause and consequences of the
differences in the Liberal Party
were frankly examined, was enthu-
siastically received. He declared
they were not prepared to conceal
the fact that confidence had been
destroyed by Mr. Lloyd George's
conduct in regard to the disposition
of party funds, which he controlled,
by the manner in which his land
campaign had been launched, by
his action during the general strike,
and by his suggestion that the
Liberal ideal should be merely to
hold the balance of power in the
future in Parliament and insist on
terms with the Labour Party.—
British Wireless Service.**OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Pile | 42-Prefix. In | 12-Combining form |
| 5-To place in difficulty | 43-Turned about | 13-Vocal |
| 9-Heinous | 44-By | 14-Edges |
| 11-Grimsly head gear | 45-Recent | 15-Snake |
| 13-Strikes together, as | 46-Audibly | 16-Complained |
| the hands | 47-Prefix meaning | 17-Smooth-spoken |
| 14-A high, pointed hill | "before" | 18-Change, as with debt |
| (England) | 48-Any natural gift, as | 19-Half a score |
| 17-French for "the" | talent | 20-Age |
| 18-One who makes a | 49-Wild animal | 21-So be it |
| shipment | 50-Summer flower | 22-Eat a meal |
| 20-New England State | 51-Finishes | 23-One who makes |
| (abbr.) | | men's clothes |
| 21-Gaelic | | 24-A book |
| 22-Perceive | | 25-Heavenly body |
| 23-A kind of cheese | VERTICAL | 26-Loaths |
| 24-A quarter | 1-Chance | 27-Develop |
| 25-Rapids | 2-Suffix meaning | 28-Walk in water |
| 30-Intense | "little" | 29-Paradise |
| 31-Part of a skeleton | 3-Bowl-like curve | 30-Liquid measure |
| 32-A coming of any | 4-Skine | (abbr.-pl.) |
| important event | 5-One who tips | 32-Point of compass |
| 33-Disappear | 6-Summer | (abbr.) |
| 34-Aspect | 7-Prefix meaning | 33-N. Can. State of |
| 35-Past time | "twice" | U. S. (abbr.) |
| 41-Girl's name | 8-Superlative suffix | |
| | 9-Gloves garment | |
| | 10-Musical character | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure.
These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically, or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

LAMMERT BROS.AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS**Public Auctions**THE Undersigned have received
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Auction

ON

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Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboards
with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Ice
Chest, Dinner Crockery, Cooking
Utensils, etc., etc.Teak and Iron and Brass Bed-
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Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mir-
rors, Teak Dressing Tables, Teak
Chest of Drawers, Teak Chamber
Stands, etc., etc.ALSO.
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1 Remington Typewriter.
1 Remington Typewriter with
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12 Lavatory Basins.
12 Sinks.Catalogues will be issued.
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Hong Kong, 13th December, 1926.ON
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the 20th December, 1926,
commencing at 10 a.m.at Godown No. 18, The Hong Kong
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Leather, Sweepings of Rose Wood,

Matches, Angle Iron, Flat Iron,
Enamelled Vessels, Cyanide,
Clocks, Ornamental Plaster Work,
Porcelain, Bolts and Nuts, Wire,
Beer, Nails, Paint Samples, Lin-
seed Oil, Turpentine, Iron Pipe,
Red Oxide Paint, Galvanized Iron
Ware, Square Iron, Hoop Iron, Old
Iron Sheet, Gas Pipe Fittings,
Loose Piece, Goods, Winch Handle,
Steel Channels, Oil, China Ware,
Thermos Bottles, Cement, Naphtha-
line, Sulphuric Acid, Flasks, Kraft
Cheese, Corn Starch, Tinplates,
Fruit Salad, Salmon, Betel Nut
Husks, Sardines, Bartlett Pears,
Sardines, Saver Kraut, Rolled Onions,
Apricots, Glass, Goloshes, Baking
Powder, Tomatoes, Canned Cherries,
Syrup, Sausage, Milk, Asparagus
Tips, Embroidery, Handkerchiefs,
Stamp Ink, Cake Cinders, Advertising
Matter, Medicine Tablets,
Dynamo, Buttons, Storage Battery
Parts, Safe, etc., etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1926.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions from The Execu-
tor of the late Hon. Mr. P. H.
Holyoak to sell by Public Auction

ON
TUESDAY,
the 21st December, 1926,
commencing at 10.30 a.m. with an
interval from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. at
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**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE &
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Teak Extension Dining Table,
Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mir-
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Wagon, Glass Ware, Crockery,
E. P. Ware, Electric Table Fans,
White Frost Refrigerator, etc.

Brass and Teak Bedsteads, Teak
Wardrobes with Electric Fittings,
Teak Dressing Tables, Teak Chests
of Drawers, Bookcase, Ottoman
with Drawers, Pictures, Orna-
ments, Books, etc.

ALSO
A Large Quantity of Curios (Some
Very Old Pieces), Metal Work
Pictures and Blackwood Ware.

A Large Quantity of Ferns in Pots,
Mauritius Palms and Ostrich Fea-
ther Palms and Various Assortment
of Plants in Pots.

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On View from Sunday, the 19th
December, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1926.

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Very Old Pieces), Metal Work
Pictures and Blackwood Ware.

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SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang) Tuesday, 21st December.
ISHIKARI MARU Sails on or about 24th December.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore and Colombo.
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BINGO MARU Sails on or about 25th December.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
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MENADO MARU Sails on or about 24th Dec., 10 a.m.
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HAWAII MARU (From Keelung) Monday, 3rd January.
JAPAN PORTS.
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KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
HONGKONG Sails on or about 19th December, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Sails on or about 22nd Dec., 3 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Sails on or about 17th December, 8 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
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OWNERS OF A STEAMER FINED.

NEGLECTANCE NOT ALLEGED.

The case in which the owners, agents and master of the s.s. "Foo Sang" are charged with permitting opium to be carried on the vessel was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. Horace Ho, who appeared for the defence, said that he had received a wire from the master of the vessel stating that he would be in the Colony in three days' time. He, Mr. Ho, had just seen the Revenue Officers connected with the case and he understood that they did not allege negligence on the part of the owners. A Chinese engineer had since absconded.

Mr. Lindsell: That puts you out of Court at once. The onus is on you. Mr. Ho: In the circumstances, I plead "guilty" and would ask your Worship to impose a nominal fine. Senior Revenue Officer Clarke informed the Magistrate that the opium was found concealed very cleverly under a plate.

His Worship: Are there any previous convictions?—Eight months ago, the master, a Chinese, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour. Since then, the ownership has changed.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$250 and, upon the application of Mr. Ho, allowed twenty-four hours for payment.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Linan (1356 tons), British, from Canton; E. & S.

Kwangtung (1572 tons), British, from Bangkok, Swatow; E. & S.—1,157 tons of rice and 503 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tai Koo Wan Yi (1876 tons), British, from Sourabaya, Balikpapan; E. & S.—427 tons of sugar for Hong Kong.

Kwangtung (1572 tons), British, from Canton; J. M. & Co.

City of Tokio (4426 tons), British, from Otaru, Shanghai; Bank Line.—7,000 tons general for ports beyond, 2 passengers.

Tai Tak (2081 tons), Portuguese, from Keelung; Luen Fat.—2,500 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Fingal (1,244 tons), Norwegian, from Keelung; M.S.K.—200 tons coal H.K., 2,800 tons beyond.

Fushimi Maru (6,846), Japanese, from Middlesbrough, Singapore; N.Y.K.—321 tons general H.K., 5,015 tons beyond, 213 passengers.

Sun Kong (322) Chinese, from Kwong-chow-wan; Man Yick.—200 tons general H.K.

Departures.

For Canton: Fuk Tai, Hai Yen, Hopang.

For Swatow: Van Cloon, Haihong.

For Manila: West Chopaka.

For Shanghai: Malaya, Kashmir.

For Port Wallut: Kairyu Maru.

For Moji: Honolulu Maru.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Chung Hing.

For Whampoa: Fingal.

For Hongkong: Yatsing.

For Amoy: Takliwa.

Clearances.

Hanoi for Kwong-chow-wan; Borneo for Haiphong; Shang, Bee for Amoy; Kaichow for Wei-hai-wei; Kwongtung for Swatow; Ranilla for Balikpapan; Chin-hua for Bangkok; Hector for Singapore; City of Tokio for Iloilo.

Ships in Port.

There were 71 ships in port at 9 a.m. to-day, of which 33 fly the British flag. Yesterday 9 steamers arrived and 14 departed.

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FOG CONFUSION.

LOCAL SHIPPING SERVICES DELAYED.

ONE BOAT 12 HOURS LATE.

Local shipping services were considerably held up last night and this morning by the dense fog and mist hanging over neighbouring waters and approaches to Hong Kong harbour.

The Steamboat Co.'s "Sui Tai" left Hong Kong for Macao at 2 p.m. yesterday and should have arrived at 6 p.m. At 9.15 this morning she was still anchored outside Macao harbour, near Nine Islands with a Portuguese armed launch cruising round her as guard. She made no attempt to enter Macao inner port last night on account of the thick fog.

Twelve Hours Late.
The s.s. "San Nam Mei" left Pakkai, port of Kongmoon, yesterday evening and should have arrived an hour or two after midnight last night. She did not come in till after midday to-day—nearly twelve hours late.

Boats running to or from other parts of the River delta were similarly delayed, causing no little anxiety among shippers and people expecting friends.

Ocean-going tonnage entering or leaving the harbour late yesterday and this morning also had to proceed with extreme caution.

It has already been pointed out that the present abnormal weather is due to a depression in the Yangtze valley.

An Old War Story.

Curiously enough, a period at this time of the year is called by the Chinese "When Hung Ming borrowed the arrows."

This Prime Minister (better known as Chu Kuo Liang) of the Three Kingdoms era—several centuries B.C.—is reputed to have laid the foundations of a great Naval victory on the Yangtze River by taking advantage of a dense mist. He launched a fleet of sampans covered with straw which drew all the arrows of the Northern Army, the opposing archers "firing" away at the unsightable enemy until their stock was depleted.

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Berlin, Dec. 14.

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ITALY'S SHIPPING.

RANKS NEXT TO GREAT BRITAIN.

The remarkable development of the Italian shipping and ship-building industry during the last few years can be realised by the fact that, among the European countries, Italy ranks next to Great Britain in the volume of tonnage under construction. Italy is now building approximately one-seventh of the total tonnage being built in the whole world, and comes first in the construction of large ships. Almost all the navigation companies receive financial assistance from the Government, and this year the annual subsidy has been increased by nearly 50,000,000 lire.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex m.s. "Malaya" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after Dec. 20, will be subject to rent. The "Malaya" carries part of cargo originally shipped by m.s. "Java."

New London, Conn., Dec. 14.—Submarine R1 and R2, built here for the Peruvian Government, have arrived at Callao. Peru has placed a contract for two more to be built immediately.—Reuter's American Service.

Three of the five Chinese arrested on Monday in connection with the theft of several rolls of cloths from the s.s. "Oanfa" pleaded "guilty" when brought before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. His Worship sentenced the three men to six months' imprisonment. Mr. J. M. Remedios defended the other two accused.

A WARNING.

"DON'T COME TO THE CHINA COAST."

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

Thus "The Dolphin" for November:—First-hand information is always useful and especially when it concerns a part of the world where such chaos has occurred, of recent times especially, as in China. A member of the profession who is now engaged in business ashore in China, in writing to the Secretary makes some pungent remarks as regards the prospects for Officers on the Coast, the following being an extract from his letter:—"No doubt you are well posted as to the state of affairs in Hong Kong. The Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild is a friend of mine and I know he is in close touch with you. Things may be bad at home, no doubt they are, but if I were a youngster I should think very long and seriously before coming to the China Coast. The number of men who daily call at our office looking for a change is deplorable, and I would warn young men from coming out here, for it is a step I am quite sure they will bitterly regret later on. That is my opinion; you must take it for what it is worth. I enclose my subscription, and in case I fall into arrears again I don't hesitate to touch me up, I don't need the Guild now, and hope I never shall, but I don't forget the time when it was my very good friend, and I wish it every success. Although the glass may show a pretty low reading just now, bad times cannot last for ever, but remember what I have said: 'The China Coast is no place for a young man.' Our readers should carefully note this warning."

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 18
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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MAIWA	10,918	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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The historic ceremony of the opening of the first London Mosque, built by Messrs. H. Roggey & Sons, Putney, at Southfields for the Al-Madaniya Community, took place amidst great rejoicings and enthusiasm on Sunday, October 3, 1926. His Royal Highness the Emir Feisal, who had travelled from Mecca as the representative of his father Sultan Ibn Saud, to perform the opening ceremony, due to some unknown reason, intimated to the Imam of the Mosque, The Maulvi A. R. Dard, M.A., only fifteen minutes before the advertised time of the ceremony, that he would not be able to attend it. In his absence the ceremony was performed by Khan Bahadur Sheikh Abdul Quadir, formerly a Minister of the Punjab Government and now a Member of the Indian Delegation at the League of Nations.

The Imam, after reciting a passage from the *Qur'an*, presented a silver key to Sheikh Abdul Quadir, who opened the Mosque. Khan Bahadur Abdul Quadir then read out his speech, after which the Maharaja Bahadur of Burdwan, who is a non-Moslem, and Sir Abbas Ali Baig, formerly a member of the India Council, made short speeches. The Maharaja's speech was remarkable as regards its working and the sentiments he expressed. His presence constituted a remarkable contrast to the absence of the Emir Feisal who had come from Mecca for this occasion.

At 4.15 the large gathering inside the premises of the Mosque and the large wondering crowd standing outside during the ceremony were thrilled with silence when for the first time in London's history the *Azan* was called by Mr. G. F. Malik from the glistening minaret of the Mosque. "God is Great," "There is none worthy but one God," "Muhammad is the messenger of God"—cried the Muazzin, and the Faithful, including several British Moslems, after performing their ablutions, assembled in the Mosque where the first prayer was led by the Imam. After the prayer, refreshments were served under a big canopy.

The ceremony was in every respect a great success. Many had come from Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Leicester, Blackpool, Edinburgh, Derby, Oxford and Cambridge to attend the ceremony. Twelve members of the House of Commons, and six Peers and twelve members of various Consulates, representatives of the entire British Press, Sir M. O'Dwyer, Mr. Mathias, the Mayor of Wandsworth, were also present. Some dignitaries of the Church of England were also there. The Imam received nearly two hundred letters of regret from Members of Parliament for not being able to attend the ceremony.

Congratulatory telegrams were received by the Imam from many different parts of India, Mauritius, Sumatra, America and Ceylon. Four Englishmen announced their acceptance of Islam. All this combined to make the ceremony a unique success, and those who were fortunate enough to be present will for long years remember this rare and picturesque meeting of the East and the West.

Address By The Imam.

Ladies and Gentlemen, — We have assembled here to-day for a function which is unique in itself. It is the opening of a building which is erected to remember Him who is the Creator of all, and to give expression to our feelings of devotion and worship of Him who is the centre of all. When we stand in His Presence, we forget all distinctions of age, rank, colour, East or West, for the nearer a man attains to Him, the less he remembers of the difference, and the more he realises the unity of Mankind. So the House which has been opened to-day is a sign of the unity and brotherhood of man; it assures us of the fact that our source and our place of return is the same and that we should not fight with each other or create trouble merely owing to some apparent differences.

Differences, there have been in the world and they will continue to arise. Never was there a time, nor will it ever be, when these differences would disappear; for so long as there is in man the capacity to progress and advance, he must needs differ. Whatever advance we notice in the world is all the result of this fact. So difference in this respect is the Holy

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Prophet Muhammad (May Peace and the blessings of God be upon Him) has said, is the source of blessing and not a harmful thing. Evil creeps in only through over-zealousness in laying too much stress upon unity culminating in intolerance. As a matter of fact, the cause of human brotherhood has never suffered more than at the hands of its warmest advocates whose zeal outran their sense of proportion, and who, consequently, adopted means which defeated their own object. The cause of unity has indeed suffered more at the hands of its friends than at the hands of its enemies.

If difference is really as bad as it is painted, what is the function of toleration? Toleration and large-heartedness can only be exercised when there exist some differences. So what the world needs to-day is not so much the mitigation of differences as the inculcation of toleration and breadth of view; that is to say, people should live on terms of mutual love and fellow-feeling, in spite of their differences of beliefs and opinions. There can be no doubt about the fact that there can be no real progress without the propagation of truth and that therefore everyone has a right to call people to the truth (as one understands it), but it does not mean that one has a right to enforce his views upon others and to impose his will upon the tongue and action of others before bringing about any change in their hearts. Nor should one begin to persecute others on the basis of mere differences of opinion.

Sisters and Brothers, Mosques are built for the fostering of the spirit of love and mutual amity. In the terminology of Islam, a Mosque is called *Baitullah* (The House of God), i.e., it is a place where no one has a right to disturb or evict another owing to differences of opinions, for it is the House of God and not the private property of any individual, and God is as much the Lord of his opponent as his. Says the "Holy Qur'an": "Who can be a worst tyrant than him who prevents people from entering the Mosques, wherein the name of God is remembered."

Once a deputation from a Christian tribe waited upon our Holy Prophet Muhammad (May peace and the blessings of God be upon him). They were having a discussion with him on doctrinal points. The argument grew long and it was their time to pray. They asked his permission to go out and say their prayers. He said there was no need for them to go out, for they could pray in the Mosque where they were holding the discussion. So we know from the "Holy Qur'an" as well as from the life of the Holy Prophet that the doors of Moslem Mosques are open to all those who want to worship God alone and that the Moslem Mosques are the centres of unity.

In the same spirit and with the same motives as I have described above, I want to proclaim it throughout the whole world through you who have kindly assembled on this occasion, that this Mosque is built to worship and serve God alone, so that His love may become fully and firmly manifest and people may be drawn toward religion without which there can be no true progress. We shall not, God willing, prevent anyone from worshipping here providing he does not infringe the rules which are necessary for the upkeep of this House of God and provided also that he does not interfere with the worship of those who are building it. I have faith and hope that the spirit of toleration, and large-heartedness which the erection of this Mosque will create will help to remove all friction and strife and establish peace and unity and good-will among men, and

the days are not far off when people will give up all war and ideas of war, and they will learn to live in peace and harmony, and the whole world will realise that with God as our one Creator, it is necessary for us to live as brothers and sisters, and instead of being a hindrance in the way of others' progress, we will help and co-operate with each other.

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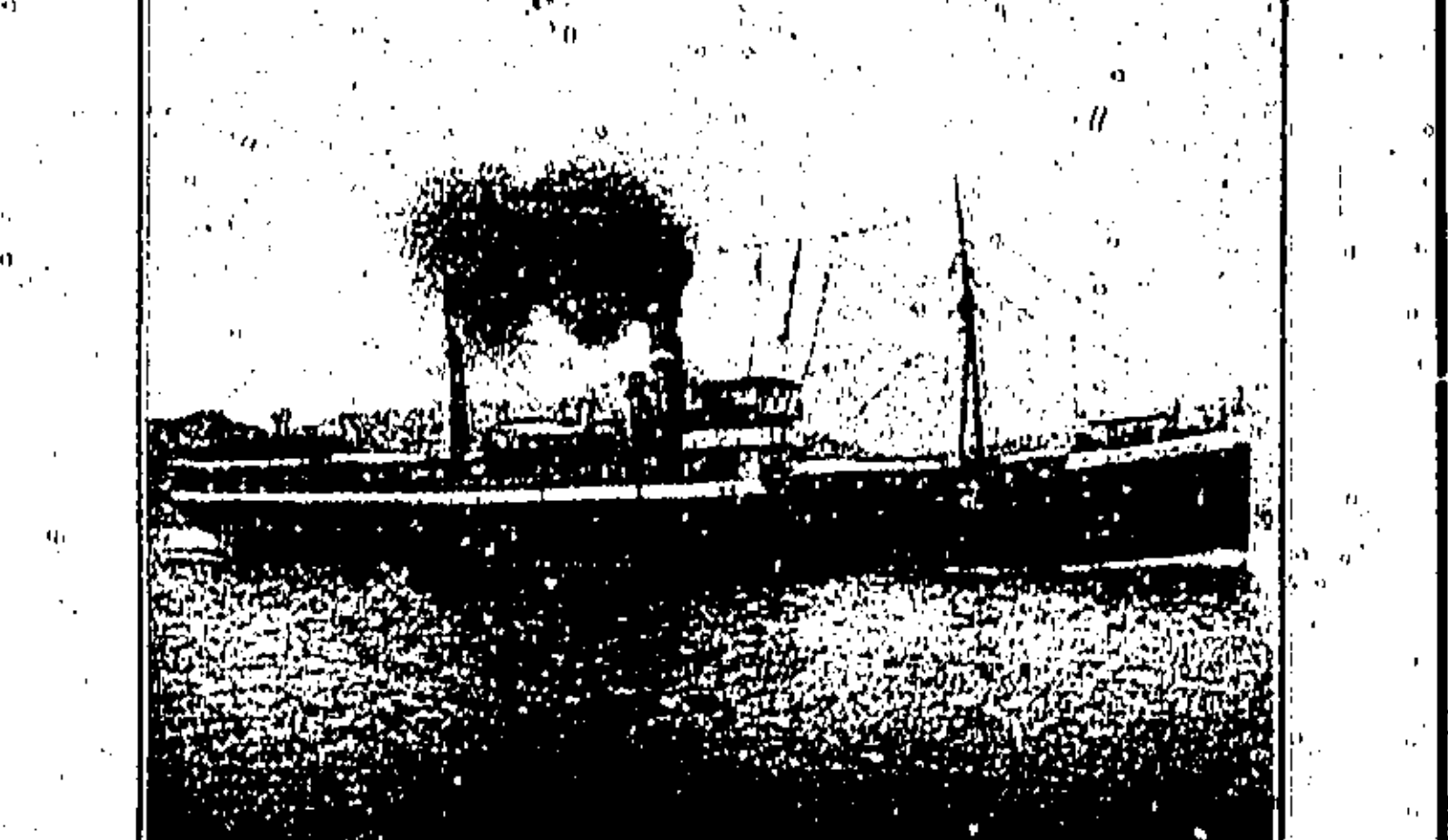
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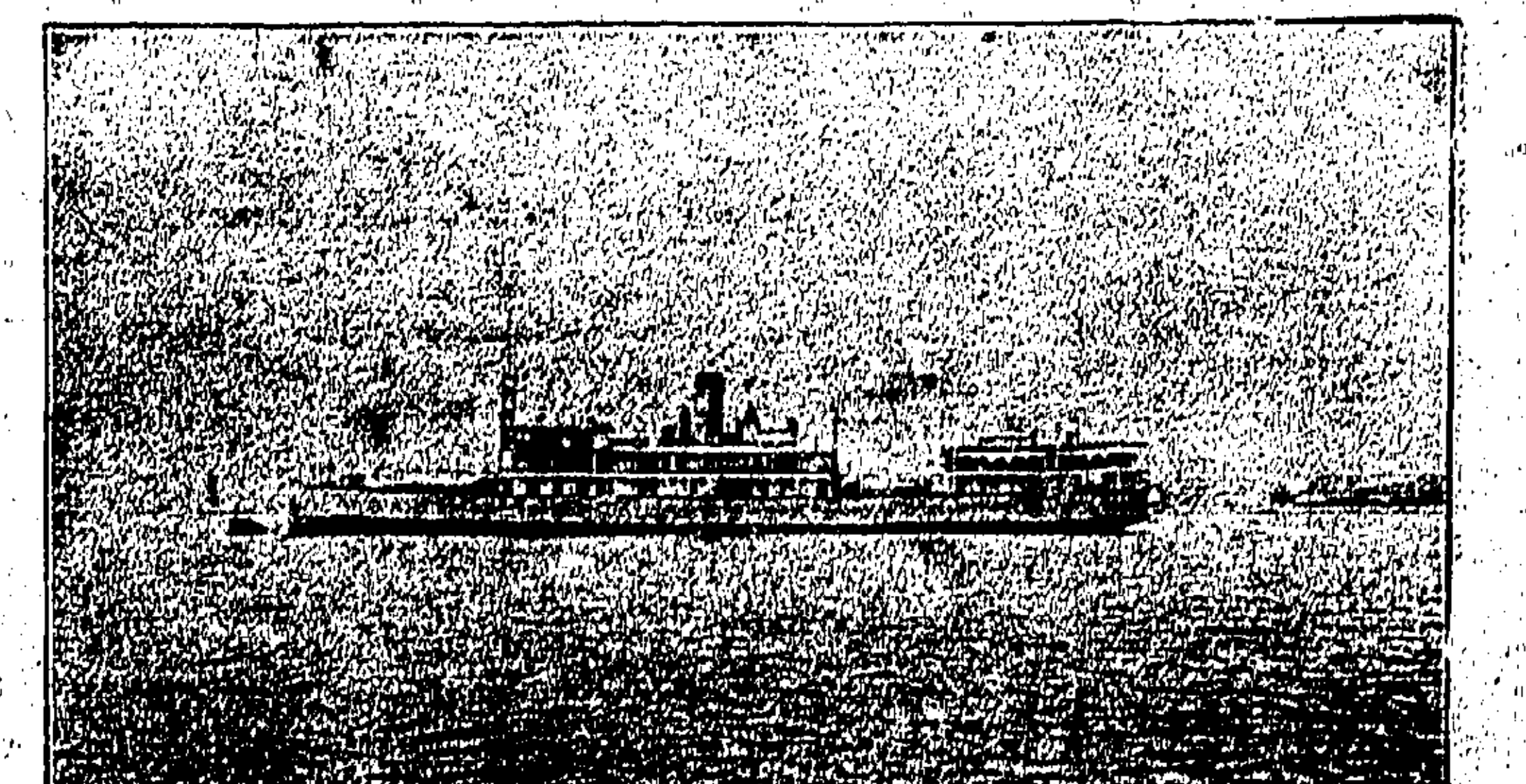
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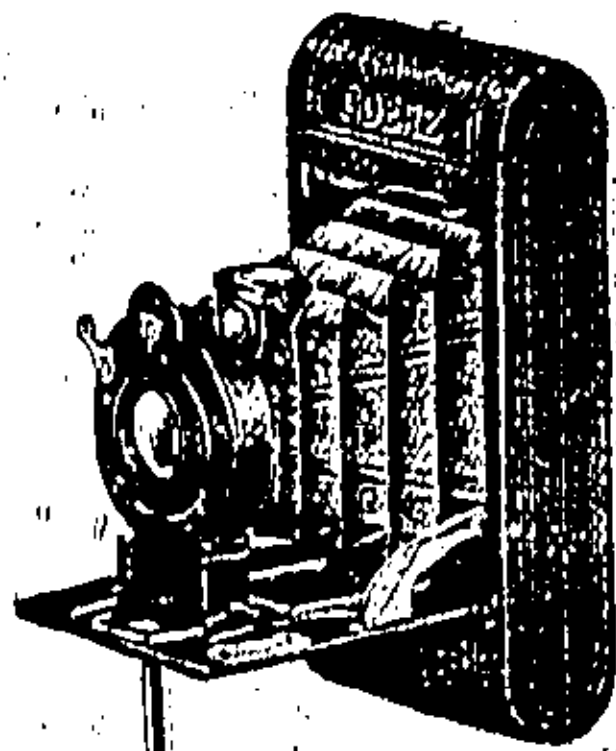
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ARM CHAIR CRITICS.

It seems to be so fashionable for Labour and Socialist leaders at Home to run mentally amok in regard to China's chaos that it is not surprising to find even Mr. Lloyd George losing his equilibrium. Speaking at Bradford recently he declared that the Chinese are simply struggling for the elementary rights of every free self-respecting nation; urged Britain to see justice done in China; alleged that pressure was being brought on the British Government to do something impulsive and provocative; and asserted that the record of Western civilisation in China was indeed black and that foreigners there were suffering from their own greed. As an ex-Prime Minister Mr. Lloyd George must know that his insinuations are unworthy of a British statesman. He must be aware that such declarations cannot but add to the difficulties of the Powers—including Great Britain—in their sincere desire to co-operate with China for China's own good. As expected the other Liberal Party leaders have administered a severe rebuke to Mr. Lloyd George. As Viscount Grey states, "British policy and reputation have already been very unfairly represented in China; that

any leading man in public life in Britain should have made a speech to add to this impression abroad is most unfortunate."

Every word uttered by a public man in Britain in regard to China is carefully analysed by those Chinese writers obsessed by the Bolshevik-created bogey of Imperialism. Thus, we find prominence given in the "Canton Gazette" to speeches delivered at a dinner of the London branch of the Kuomintang on October 10. Mr. H. G. Wells, Socialist and International Brotherhood spokesman, expressed his "intense and passionate desire that the West would leave China alone." British subjects may be murdered; they may be kidnapped, tortured, and held to ransom; they may be wantonly assaulted; their property may be seized, confiscated, or stolen—all that Mr. H. G. Wells can say is "let the West leave China alone." Similarly, the Hon. Bertrand Russell is quoted as saying: "My country is committing a crime which is at the same time a great mistake." What that crime consists of, he does not tell us; but if he had more regard for "my country" he would have more regard for the protection and safety of his own countrymen in China. But the fact that they are exposed to piracy, brigandage, and terrorism does not interest him one little bit. All that concerns him is the sound of his own bleating.

It is time that the misrepresentation of British policy in China ceased. Every sentence initial to British policy should be immediately countered. There is nothing in that policy of which to be ashamed—a desire for British subjects to trade in China and live in peace and quietness; a desire to see China herself bring an end to the long period of wars and boycotts and strikes and to settle down to enjoy an era of prosperity and contentment. Great Britain has hitherto been the truest friend of China and as such she shall remain irrespective of rival political parties and rival war lords and mercenaries.

The New Territories.

Mr. J. P. Braga's questions at the Sanitary Board meeting held yesterday afternoon regarding the New Territories will be welcomed by everyone who takes more than a casual interest in the

welfare of the Colony. The urgency of developing the New Territories has been stressed before, but as with so many matters in Hong Kong it has dropped out of public notice. There is no need to dwell upon the wisdom of making the Colony self-supporting in as many commodities as possible—with our huge population we are in much the same position as the British Isles with regard to food. The suggestions Mr. Braga quoted from the report of the Economic Resources Committee (1920) and those he made himself for encouraging cattle raising, poultry farming and pig breeding in the New Territories are eminently practical. Although the President of the Sanitary Board was only able to reply that these were matters over which the Board had no direct concern, but the inquiries had been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Government, Mr. Braga has done a public service in making the problem a live issue once more. Perhaps the Government will now state its answers to Mr. Braga's questions so that the Colony can know what is being done in this important field?

The Boy Scouts.

When the records of the Hong Kong crisis of 1925 come to be written, the historian will undoubtedly ascribe to the Boy Scouts of the Colony their rightful place. Keen, alert, intelligent and active, not only in the emergency work which they undertook at the outset of last year's troubles, but also in the countless minor tasks which the later exigencies of the strike offered to their willing hands, it almost seemed that whatever the work might be, the Scout could perform it as completely and readily as though it were the special kind of work for which he had always been trained. This, indeed, is the result of that particular system of manhood training that owes its inception to the genius of Sir Robert Baden-Powell. Trained and animated by the Scout spirit of service, these many hundreds of boys, strong and healthy beyond the average, and intelligent beyond their years, could hardly fail to be a valuable asset to the community in the time of crisis, and undoubtedly those who were actually employed in public services during the strike exerted a stabilizing influence upon the life of the Colony. The movement is certainly one deserving the fullest possible support. When, as yesterday, we find His Excellency the Governor and many prominent local residents devoting their leisure hours to matters concerning the Boy Scout movement, surely it is time that the community in general began to realise its value and to take something more than a passing interest in the Scouts as they are seen on Empire Day and other similar occasions. It is, indeed, to be hoped that the words of the speakers at yesterday's meeting will not fall on deaf ears.

BAD BANK NOTES?**CHARGE AGAINST ELDERLY CHINESE****REMAINED WITHOUT BAIL.**

A middle-aged Chinese, Cheung Pak-sau, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with uttering and possessing two \$10 bank notes.

In reply to the Magistrate Mr. D. McCallum, said that he had only just been instructed for the defence and would like a date to be fixed.

His Worship put the case down for hearing on Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. McCallum said that relatives of the accused were prepared to offer \$500 bail, but his Worship said that in view of the fact that two notes were involved, he, the Magistrate, was not prepared to grant bail.

THEFT FROM "SUNNING."

A Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with stealing a number of brass washers from the s.s. "Sunning" at Taikoo Dockyard.

Inspector Clark informed the Magistrate that the prisoner had been sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment in 1922 for theft.

His Worship: You haven't been in trouble for four years, it will be another month.

ONE DOLLAR PER WHIFF.

"How much did you pay for your two whiffs?" asked Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with opium-smoking. His Worship fined the defendant \$2 or five days.

CHINESE WEDDING.**To-day's Notable Hong Kong Ceremony.****A WELL KNOWN COUPLE.****Sincere Co. Director's Son Married.**

Two Chinese families, highly respected in Hong Kong and abroad, were united in marriage to-day, the father of the bride and bridegroom, respectively, being leading business men in the Colony.

The Rev. E. W. L. Martin, M.A. (Chaplain of St. Stephen's College) officiated at the Church of Christ in China, Bonham Road, assisted by the Rev. Lee Kuan-yun of St. Stephen's Church this afternoon at the pretty wedding of Mr. William W. L. Ma, eldest son of the managing director of the Sincere Co., Ltd. (Mr. Ma Wing-chun) and Miss Ruby H. Y. To, the daughter of Mr. D. Jackman, manager of the Wing On Co., Ltd.

The Misses Ada Kwok, Lily To, Elsie Ma and Annie Ma served as bridesmaids, the bride retinue also including Miss Kum Oi as page-girl and Master Arnold Ho (grandson of Lady Ho Kai) as page-boy.

Supporting the groom was Mr. Ma Hin-wing, his cousin.

Mr. D. Jackman, the bride's father, gave her daughter away and Miss Mary Lee was emcee of honour. Mr. Ma Wai-man discharged the duties of groomsman.

The bride's dress was a wonderful creation of flesh pink satin, embroidered in pastel colours with a net veil fixed with a pearl bandeau and orange blossoms. As she entered the Church on the arm of her father, she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and white roses.

The bridesmaids had bouquets of pink and white roses. Their dresses were of pale mauve, pale orange and pale green georgette, trimmed with silver lace and silver beads.

The service was choral, hymns Nos. 226 and 224 being sung. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. S. W. Phoon played the wedding march.

Hundreds of friends and relatives attended the reception at No. 3, Kennedy Road, the home of the bride's parents.

To-morrow night there will be a Chinese banquet at the Yee Wo restaurant, West Point.

The bridegroom gave the bride a diamond and platinum wrist watch. The bride's present to her consort was a gold watch. Among the many valuable presents noticed were a diamond bracelet, the gift of Mrs. Ma Wing-chun (groom's mother) to the bride and a cheque from the groom's father to the bride.

The happy bridegroom has been in London, in charge of the buying department of his father's firm, Messrs. Sincere's. He returned to Hong Kong last April and he expects to take his wife with him when he goes back after China New Year.

ADVICE TO HAWKERS**"YOU MUST FIGHT IT OUT WITH POLICE."**

"It is a Police matter, and nothing whatever to do with me. Your licence does not allow you to sell cigarettes and, as far as I am concerned, it is an offence if you do. We are all agreed that there are too many cigarette hawkers—you are cutting each other's throats. I will let you off this time, but don't do it again," said Mr. Lindsell to a Chinese woman at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant, who was charged with hawking cigarettes without a licence, pleaded that she had no other means of support.

"I'm very sorry," replied the Magistrate, "I have already told you what the position is. You must fight it out with the Police."

A NIGHT'S JAIL.

"What sort of record has he got as a driver?" asked Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese employee of the Sanitary Department was charged with driving without a licence.

The Magistrate was informed that the defendant was employed as a cleaner. He drove a car out of the Central Fire Station in order to make room for another car. In doing so, he knocked over a hawker's stall.

His Worship: Well, you have been in custody overnight so I will discharge you with a caution.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.**THE SHIP'S CARPENTER AND \$1,000 IN NOTES.****"ONLY THING AGAINST HIM."**

Further evidence in connection with the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" was given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a Chinese lady passenger and the ship's stevedore were called by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes).

Mrs. Leila Anderson said that she was a passenger on the "Sunning." She was talking to the comrade when she saw a number of armed men near the grille. She was very frightened and returned to her cabin. On the advice of the comrade, she gave a quantity of her jewellery to a steward. Three armed men entered her cabin and demanded her rings. They ransacked her trunk and took away a number of articles. Witness identified a rain coat produced in Court.

Cross-Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that from the moment she became aware that there were pirates on board, she was very frightened.

Mr. d'Almada: Did your fear continue all the time?—No. I calmed down soon after 6 o'clock. Some amusement was caused when the interpreter expressed the opinion that his Worship would "know that the witness is a woman, and women do not understand so easily as men."

Mr. Lindsell: Nowadays, most women understand most things as well as men. (Laughter). Mr. d'Almada: You have identified six men. Can you give us some idea of how many men you saw altogether?—I think between fifteen and twenty.

Mr. d'Almada: If they were all here, do you think that you could identify them all?—No.

Mr. d'Almada: Not another single one?—No, even if I met one in the street I could not identify him.

Asked how many men were present at the identification parade, witness said that she could not remember.

Mr. Lo and Mr. Leask did not cross-examine this witness.

Stevedore's Evidence.

Mr. Holmes then called the ship's stevedore, who stated that he was in No. 6 Hieboat. Witness and the ship's carpenter rowed the boat. When they saw the "Bluebell" approaching the pirates decided to throw the arms overboard. One pirate gave the witness \$50 in bank notes and witness saw another pirate give the carpenter \$1,000 in notes. They were afraid to refuse to take the money. As soon as they were taken on board the "Bluebell" they were tied up.

His Worship: When you were on the "Bluebell" did you tell anyone about it?—Everything was taken from me when I was searched.

The Carpenter.

His Worship: Beyond the fact that the ship's carpenter was in possession of \$1,000, is there anything else against him?

The Crown Solicitor: That is the only point against him. Very careful consideration has been given to the question of this defendant, and as soon as the present witness has finished I am going to point out to your Worship that the money was the only thing against him.

Mr. Lindsell: In view of the evidence, I do not see how the Crown can hold the man.

Mr. Holmes: If your Worship rules that there is no *prima facie* case against No. 19, he will be released.

His Worship said that he would look into the matter.

The hearing was adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.**DICK NORTON'S GLOBE TROTTERS.****CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.**

The change of programme given in the Queen's Theatre last night by Dick Norton's popular Globe Trotters fully maintained the high standard set by the opening performance, the audiences at the four shows again thoroughly enjoying themselves. As a result the Globe Trotters should be given another enthusiastic reception this evening, when the new programme will be repeated.

The new feature film, "The Snob," is an excellent production, treating an old theme with humour and imagination. John Gilbert fills the title role with great ability, his snob being a notable character study. Although serious in the main "The Snob" has many good laughs, and can be recommended as capital entertainment.

OUR SCOUTS.

Governor on Local Association.

ITS CONSTITUTION.

Distinguished Patrons Present At Meeting.

A meeting of the Boy Scouts' Association of Hong Kong, called "in order that the Association might be put on a firmer and permanent footing" was held at St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon. H.E. the Governor, who is Chief Scout in Hong Kong, presiding. Others present were H.E. the Officer Commanding, Major-General C.C. Lunard, C.B., C.M.G., H.E. the Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir H. C. Gollan, Mrs. W. F. Southorn, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (President of the Association), the Rev. G. T. Widdemore, (Commissioner), Colonel T. A. Robertson (Assistant Commissioner), Mr. C. H. Blason (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. A. White (Honorary Secretary), also a distinguished gathering in the general body of the audience, including Sir Shousang Chow, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Col. L. E. Bird, Mr. T. G. Wood, Capt. H. B. L. Dobbie, Rev. J. K. Macdonald, Professor L. K. Forster, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Dr. S. W. T'so.

On arrival, Sir Cecil Clementi, who was accompanied by Capt. C. D. Steele, M.C., inspected a Boy Scout guard of honour.

The meeting opened with the reading by the Honorary Secretary of the following report on the Scout year, October 1, 1925-Sept. 30, 1926:

The Report.
It is satisfactory to be able to record that in spite of the troubles through which this part of the Far East is now passing, and occasional set-backs—the lot of any organisation—Scouting in Hong Kong has continued to make an advance. The number of Scouts of all ranks, as shown by the census taken at the end of September, has increased, and two new Troops have been formed.

Our late Chief Scout, Sir R. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., relinquished the post on leaving the Colony. We gratefully acknowledge much valuable help which he rendered the Association. At the invitation and request of Imperial Headquarters, His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Governor of Hong Kong, accepted the office of Chief Scout, bringing with him first-hand knowledge of the needs and aims of the Movement gained by close contact with it as President of the Ceylon Branch of the Association. His presence in the chair to-day is ample evidence, were any needed, of his continued interest and support.

New President.
We record with deep regret and sincere sympathy with his relatives the loss sustained by the Association by the death of our first President, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. Notwithstanding the ill-health from which he suffered and the worries which beset him, he always managed to find time to attend our various functions, and in fact only a few days before leaving the Colony he came to one of our Camp Fires, and at that most intimate of Scout assemblies gave us a message of encouragement and advice. We therefore consider ourselves very fortunate when His Excellency persuaded the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall to succeed Mr. Holyoak as President. We take this opportunity formally to welcome him as such, while bearing witness of the wholehearted way in which, since his acceptance of the post, he has thrown himself into the necessary work entailed by this important and responsible position.

proved by the way in which it is patronised both by troops and individual scouts. We are extremely grateful to His Excellency and the Colonial Government for putting so suitable a place at our disposal.

The Magazine.
The Association Magazine, the "Silver Wolf" is being published as a quarterly paper under the able editorship of Mr. C. H. Blason, our Honorary Treasurer. We report with genuine satisfaction that the Girl Guides' Association has recently arranged to share this paper with the Scouts, and in future Girl Guide news and articles will have a place in its pages. This is but one way in which the two Associations are co-operating to their mutual benefit, and we wish all success to the present effort being made by the Girl Guides to extend in the Colony.

Financially we need more what may be termed regular revenue. We have practically no other source of income than subscriptions, and money earned by concerts and other similar displays. While each Troop is largely responsible for raising its own funds, the Association, in frequently to make grants to new or necessitous Troops, to enable them to keep going on to help them to start. Association expenses are also heavy and likely to increase, especially when the Officers' Training Courses commence as a regular part of the year's work. The Colonial Government has made us in the past a valuable grant for both these purposes, but even so this does not cover all outgoing, and we desire keenly to relieve our officers of much private expenditure which at present comes upon them.

Scout Activities.
Scout Activities during the past year have been along the usual lines, Competition Rallies, Swimming Sports, and the Display in the early summer. Most troops have spent periods of varying lengths under canvas. On the whole, camps when visited have shown marked improvement in Scoutcraft, but nevertheless the need of a properly organised Training Camp for Officers is keenly felt, and this is one of our plans which has perforce been delayed.

The Prince of Wales Banner awarded for general efficiency, has been won by the youngest troop but one, the 20th, thus proving that the conditions of the deciding competition are such as to give even a young troop a fair chance of putting up a good show in comparison with older Scouts. The Swimming Sports recently held do not come within the period under review, but we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and to our President for the gift of two Challenge Cups for the winners and runners-up respectively, for annual competition.

A Display was given by the Troops in the early Summer. The fact that heavy rain just before the proceedings were due to begin made it necessary to alter our plans almost at the last moment, did not prevent the boys from showing our friends the wide scope of Scout Training. On that occasion His Excellency the Chief Scout presented a Silver Cross for Gallantry to one of the Scoutmasters and Letters of Commendation to some Scouts for public service rendered. Two others also received special mention for the same reason.

Help From Outside.
We conclude this Report by expressing our grateful thanks to all those friends and supporters who have so willingly and generously given assistance to the Movement. Our aim is to decentralise the work as far as possible, in order to leave the Scoutmasters free to devote all their energies to the important task of training the boys, with the principal object of Character Development. This can not be done without considerable help from outside, and it is for this help we are calling. But most of all we need Scoutmasters able and willing to give up the time required for running Troops—men who have grasped the spirit of Scouting, not only in its individual and local aspect, with the tremendous possibilities which this Colony presents, but also, and this is very important, in its aspect as a great World-wide Brotherhood, an International Fellowship which can do much to render war an evil of the past.

The approximate number of Scouts of all ranks in the Association is 420; number of Troops, 20; number of Wolf Cub Packs, 2; number of Rover Scout Patrols, 2 and number of Instructors and Examiners, not including Scouters, 42.

Governor's Speech.
The report having been adopted, H.E. the Governor addressed the meeting as Chief Scout.

The meeting had been called, he said, in order that the Associa-

tion might be put on a firmer and, as they hoped, permanent footing. The Scout movement, as they all knew, began as a great game for boys and aimed at teaching them the great Game of life. It was also a brotherhood and should end as a brotherhood for men of all creeds and races.

If the movement was to succeed here in Hong Kong it must have the goodwill and support of the Chinese who formed by far the largest part of the Association. It was therefore with very great pleasure that he welcomed to that meeting as President his old friend Dr. Kotewall who enjoyed in the very highest degree the respect of the Chinese community whose interests he so worthily represented on the Legislative Council and who was also held in very high regard by all residents in the Colony.

His Excellency then read the letter from the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, appointing Dr. Kotewall as President.

A Scout Council.
The intention of the meeting, said His Excellency, was also to constitute a Scout Council for Hong Kong and he was very glad to inform the meeting that H.E. the Naval Commander-in-Chief and H.E. the Officer Commanding the troops had accepted seats, also the Chief Justice who had written most encouragingly in accepting.

One of the first steps was the preparing of an Ordinance, for the incorporation of a Scout Association in Hong Kong. The Scout Association of the United Kingdom was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1912 and, hitherto, the Hong Kong Association had been affiliated to the parent Association. It was desirable now that it should be incorporated and stand on its own feet with power to possess property, sue and be sued, and generally to take a permanent place among the institutions of the Colony.

Council's Status.
The Commissioner then addressed the meeting and spoke of the need for "reforming" the Council. Its status ranked equally with that of County Associations in England. The speaker also referred to many ways in which the added scope made possible by such a change would result in greater co-operation and the elimination of over-lapping.

The protection which it was proposed to afford, the uniform and badges of the Association was also referred to by the Commissioner who gave instances which had occurred locally where there had been abuses.

President Outed.
The President of the Association received an ovation on rising to speak. He thanked the meeting for its cordial welcome and His Excellency for the generous reference to his appointment. Dr. Kotewall referred to the great interest his predecessor, the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, had taken in the movement locally and also to the hard work of the Commissioner.

Mr. Kotewall, referred to the growth of the movement here in Hong Kong and throughout the world and the work it was doing in training lads to become good citizens, men of character, self-reliance, resourceful and with a true appreciation of the value of discipline, men who could be and were of service to their neighbours. Scouting constituted a bulwark against Bolshevism and Communism, two of the forces which threatened to submerge law and order. (Applause.)

Sir Henry Pollock also spoke with reference to the significance of the "Protection Ordinance" for the Association's uniform and badges.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks (proposed by Mr. C. H. Blason) to the Chairman and to His Excellency the Governor for the interest they had taken in the movement locally.

"JOY RIDE" CASE.

"HAWKINS" BLUEJACKET DISCHARGED.

The case against F. J. Buckmaster, a blue-jacket of H.M.S. "Hawkins" was again before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. Lieut. Schofield, of H.M.S. "Hawline" occupied a seat on the Bench. Mr. H. C. Macnamara defended the accused.

Mr. C. H. Dodson, owner of the car alleged to have been stolen by the accused, said that he had left the car parked at the car shelter near Kowloon Ferry on December 5 at 7 p.m. He returned to Kowloon at midnight and found that the car had disappeared. At 1 a.m. the car was found in Chatham Road, abandoned and badly smashed up.

Two witnesses who saw the accident were then called, but neither was prepared to swear that the accused was the man they saw driving the car.

Mr. Macnamara submitted, that he had no case to answer, with which his Worship concurred, discharging the defendant.

NEW TERRITORIES.

PLANS FOR DEVELOPING RESOURCES.

AN AGRICULTURAL SHOW?

In connection with Mr. J. P. Braga's questions at the Sanitary Board, it is learned that the matter of an agricultural show for the New Territories is under consideration. Mr. S. R. Wells, O.E.E., having interested himself in the project.

At yesterday's Sanitary Board meeting Mr. Braga's questions were read as to the future policy of the Government with regard to putting into execution the recommendations of the Economic Resources Committee with a view to making the Colony self-supporting so far as pig-meat is concerned, and with regard to encouraging settlers in the New Territories in the fostering of cattle, poultry farming, etc.

The Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) said that he was instructed to reply that in the opinion of the Government these were matters with which the Sanitary Board had no direct concern. The enquiries had been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Government.

Restaurant Conditions.
Questions by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin were read. Information was asked as to the issue of restaurant and eating house licences and the avoiding of delays in dealing with applications.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin also asked for information concerning the opening up of ground surfaces of premises used as restaurants and eating houses for which licences were applied. Should not houses built after the passing of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 be exempt? he asked.

Official Replies.
To the first the chairman replied—"All applications for restaurant and eating house licences are referred to the Sanitary Department, by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Colonial Treasurer respectively. The premises are then inspected by this department's District Inspectors who report through the usual channels and any undue delay in furnishing such reports would be noticed. As a further precaution, I see personally at the end of each month the office copies of all such applications which have been more than ten days from the date of receipt from the licensing department to the date of their onward transmission.

To the second Dr. C. S. Pope replied—"The ground surface of such premises are always opened up when there is any doubt whether their thickness or consistency complies with the requirements of the law. The reason is that only so can such thickness be ascertained. It is not considered that an occupation certificate of the Building Authority is sufficient evidence of the adequacy of ground surface for this purpose.

"The insistence upon good ground surfaces in premises where food is abundant is of course one of the measures aimed at the reduction of rats."

Mr. Wong On Conditions.
Mr. Wong, referring to section 1 paragraph 11, of the Ordinance in question, said that all premises built after the passing of the Ordinance of 1903 had to be built in accordance with this Ordinance and therefore he did not consider it necessary for the ground surfaces to be opened up in these cases. Furthermore, under Section 204 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance, certificates were issued by the Building Authority only when the requirements of the Ordinance had been complied with. It was surely not necessary for surfaces to be opened up in cases where these certificates had been issued.

An Architect's Certificate.
The Chairman said that the matter had been taken up with the Building Authority on several occasions who agreed that the fact that he had given a certificate with regard to ground surfaces that there were certain consistencies in thickness was not sufficient for the purposes of the Ordinance so far as these particular licensed premises were concerned. Certificates were given on the certification of an architect that certain figures had been complied with but the Building Authority did not have an inspector or overseer watching the whole process in the course of construction of the building.

Mr. Wong went on to give a specific instance in which a licence had not been granted for 62 days. The chairman replied that if he could have chapter and verse he would enquire into the matter. Mr. Wong gave the information, stating that application for a licence was made on July 21 this year and the licence was not issued until September 20. The chairman said he would make enquiries.

The only other public business was an amendment to the bylaws recently made for the prevention and mitigation of epidemic, endemic, contagious or infectious diseases. They were made at the time of the cholera epidemic in Shanghai and Canton and concerned mainly the sale of certain foods.

The Chairman said the matter of amendment had been delayed rather but it did not alter matters much as they had escaped by a miracle the cholera which raged all round. The Board had agreed to have these provisions in reserve against any future outbreak. The only alteration was that the declaration of the occasion on which they may be called into force lay with the Governor in Council instead of with the Sanitary Board. Col. Boylan Smith had a small amendment to make and he proposed they consider it in committee. This course was followed.

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Chairman, were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Dr. S. W. T'so, Col. Boylan Smith, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. G. S. Pope, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, and Mr. D. Davies.

"ARMY" HELP.

NOT WANTED BY VIENNA AUTHORITIES.

Vienna, Dec. 4.
The municipal authorities have prohibited the Salvation Army's work in Vienna on the ground that the city has developed such a comprehensive system of communal relief that private relief is superfluous.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 15—Queen's Theatre; "The Snob."
December 15—World Theatre; "The Legend of the Willow Pattern Palace."
December 15—Star Theatre; "Enter Madame."
December 15—Theatre Royal; Matinee: "The Pirates of Penzance, 4.30 p.m."
December 16—Social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, 8.30 p.m. in the Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.
December 16—Whist Drive at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
December 16—Dance at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.
December 16—Grand opening night of Isak's Circus at Kowloon, Chatham Road, 9 p.m.
December 17—Military Hospital's first dance of the season, 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
December 17, 18—The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
December 22—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.
December 23—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

Sports.
December 18—Steeplechase meeting at Kwai Race Course, Fanling.

December 21—Third Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Auctions.
December 17—Valuable household furniture at Messrs. Lamert Bros' Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

December 20—Miscellaneous goods at No. 13 Godown, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., 10 a.m.
December 21—Valuable furniture at "Taiwo" Barker Rd. 453, the Peak, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.
December 16—Extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 5.15 p.m.; annual meeting, 5.30 p.m.

December 20—Extraordinary meeting of Hong Kong Tramways Co., Ltd., at the Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

December 22—Tenth meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg. 2 p.m.

December 23—Eighth meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

December 25—Meeting at City Hall to welcome His Lordship the Bishop of London.

Miscellaneous.
December 16—Weekly lecture at the H.K. Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7 Duddell St., 6 p.m. Subject: "Theosophical Impressions in England."

December 19—St. John Ambulance Brigade parade, Murray Parade Ground, 9.30 a.m.

December 22—Prize distribution of the Peak School, Peak Club, 11 a.m.

December 26—Christmas Carol service and Organ Recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.
December 28—Annual dinner of members of Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong, at Hong Kong Hotel.

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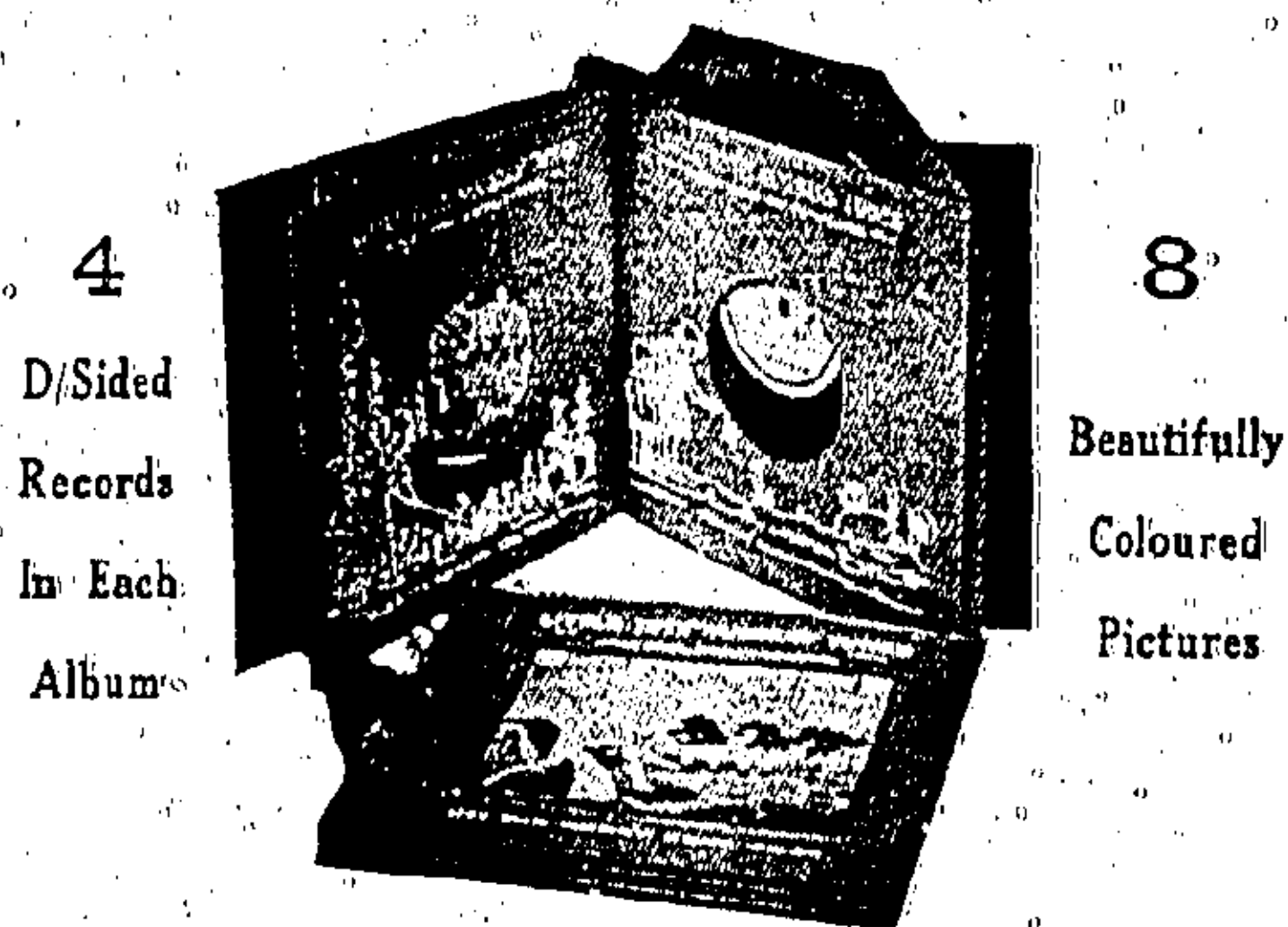


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Reminder: annual congregation meeting of Kowloon Union Church, 8.30 to-night.

On Monday there was notified a case of diphtheria from the city, the patient being a Chinese.

A Brazilian, Edward Boga, 23, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and re-expulsion by the Mixed Court at Shanghai for attempting to stab a Reserve Constable in Miller Road.

The first batch of Government and Kuomintang officials for Wu-chang have reported their arrival at Nanyang, but they will wait till the second batch reaches that city before continuing their journey.

A social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, will be held to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. A committee representative of different church organisations has made the necessary arrangements.

Pleading guilty to a charge of driving a motor cycle at an excessive speed in Caine Road, Mr. M. Weill, of Messrs. Sennett Freres, was fined \$15 by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday. A Chinese charged with a similar offence in Garden Road, was also fined \$15.

Banished from the Colony for twenty years in December 1912, a Chinese, who had returned, found himself before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. His Worship sent the man to jail for eight months, ordering his re-expulsion at the conclusion of his sentence.

The town of Yongchang in Yunnan, near the border of Burma, is reported to be in the hands of bandits numbering four thousand, who range amok, committing atrocities and murders among the defenceless inhabitants. Soldiers were shot, the magistrate had his head cut off and everyone remotely connected with him were hunted out of the town. Shops were looted and homes burnt. Two foreign women missionaries are reported to have been in the town at the time.

With the compliments of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., and the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., the "China Mail" has received one of the most useful wall calendars of the season.

A tiger, measuring eight feet from tip to tail, was shot by a Malay at Sungkal. While fishing in the Sungkal river the Malay heard growls and noticed the tiger at the other side of the bank. He ran to his house and fetched his gun. On his return he saw the animal at the same spot, and he fired at it thrice, killing it. The carcass was taken into Ipoh for sale. The animal was a very fine specimen and weighed two pikuls.

A party of Chinese detectives and constables acting under instructions of Headquarters of the Woosung-Shanghai Martial Law Enforcement, raided the new offices of the Shanghai General Labour Union, and seized a quantity of account books and documents. None of the material seized contained any valuable information and no arrests were made.

The Mixed Court at Shanghai sentenced a Chinese to one year imprisonment for writing threatening letters. He had obtained \$500 from one victim and also written letters to Mr. S. K. Lau, manager of Sun Shu Company, for \$2,000 and another for \$1,000. Another Chinese was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and his accomplice to six months' imprisonment for attempting to obtain \$4,000 by the same means.

The Shanghai General Labour Union is making arrangements for the formation of a so-called "Self-Protection Corps" which will undertake responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order "after the control of the local administration has been entrusted to the citizens of Shanghai." Apart from the possibility of a longish wait, the "N. C. D. News" thinks it rather amusing to hear of such duties being taken over by a body which repeatedly has been suppressed as being in itself a menace to peace and order.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Tuesday.

Reminder: whilst drive at Helena May Institute at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Messrs. Oscar F. Ribeiro & Co. have issued a handy little pocket diary as agents for Eberhard & Co.'s chronometers.

"Rosebuds" is the title of the charming water colour painting by W. Webster which graces the calendar issued by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. The rosebuds are two in number—one is a flower and the other is a pretty girl.

A map of China, with an inset map of Hong Kong is one of the useful little features in the pocket diary for 1927, issued by the Westinghouse Electric International Company. The diary is a small mine of information on electricity subjects.

THEOSOPHY

"Theosophical Impressions in England" will be the subject of a Public Lecture at the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell St., on Thursday, December 16, at 6 p.m. by Mr. John Russell, F.T.S., just returned from Home. The Meeting is open to the Public. Theosophical Literature on Sale. Good Library.

Coming into British territory with wounds received in a "scrap" at Lung-kung in the Waichow district, four Chinese soldiers of General Lo Kwan's anti-Nationalist "border army" have been admitted into the Kwong Wah Hospital. The fight was with troops of the Canton Army.

Commenting on the murder of Mr. Robert, the French Consul at Lungchow, the "Journal" (Paris) of November 3, says that the Powers should take in hand the solution of the Chinese problem, but the first necessity is that they should be agreed among themselves, a condition which it is, unfortunately, very difficult to achieve.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Reminder: dance at the Peak Club to-morrow night, beginning at half past nine.

According to Warsaw reports, the ex-Prime Minister Grabski will be indicted for leasing the match monopoly to a Swedish company.

President von Hindenburg has received the new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Nagaoaka, who presented his credentials and the letter of recall of the former Ambassador, Mr. Honda.

With an attendance of numerous foreign physicians, states a Havas cable from Paris, there has begun a three-day celebration of the centenary of the death of Laennec, the great French doctor, and inventor of auscultation and the stethoscope.

Back from home leave, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth took up the duties of Police Magistrate and Coroner at Kowloon yesterday, relieving Mr. J. H. B. Nihil who goes to the Attorney-General's office during the temporary absence of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp.

Members of the Chinese Journalists' Club, Shanghai, were guests at a dinner given by Mr. Julian Arnold, U.S. Commercial Attaché, on Dec. 5. A number of industrial films were displayed, showing the electrical development in American agricultural districts and the manufacture of motor cars and typewriters.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles O. Hansen, formerly of Baguio, have returned to the Philippine Islands after a trip around the world which required two years. They plan to spend the winter in Baguio. Later Dr. and Mrs. Hansen are to make another extended trip through Russia and will go to Scandinavian countries, Britain, South Africa, and South America.

Mr. Robert Fraser, former United States Consul at Kobe for four years and now United States Foreign Service Inspector, is in Shanghai. Mr. Fraser is accompanied by Mrs. Fraser. As Foreign Service Inspector Mr. Fraser's duties take him to Siam, Japan and China, where he supervises the work of the Consulate service. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will leave shortly for Peking, where he will confer with the American Minister to China.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, polling 342 votes over the combined opposition, has been elected general president of the Australian Seamen's Union and Mr. Johnson has been elected general secretary.

A Tokyo message of Nov. 25 says: Premier Fukutsuki yesterday paid a visit to Prince Saionji, the only surviving veteran statesman, who is now on a visit here, and had a talk with him on the present political situation.

A Reuter cable from London today announces the death of Mrs. Ward, the wife of Colonel John Ward, Independent M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent since 1903. A colonel of the 25th Middlesex Regiment, Colonel Ward raised five labour battalions in the war. He served in Siberia from 1918 to 1919.

A Toho News agency message from Tokyo on Nov. 29 states that the condition of the Japanese Emperor is about the same, though the coughing has decreased somewhat. The Prince Regent and his consort visited the Imperial Villa at Hayama to inquire after the Emperor's condition.

Prince Takamatsu, the third son of the Emperor of Japan, now attached to the First Squadron as sub-lieutenant, is expected to study aviation at the Kasumigaura Naval Aviation Corps next March or April. The Prince is noted for his interest in aviation. The Naval authorities are reported to be making preparations for the Prince's visit.

In connection with the conference of Chinese and foreign church leaders in Shanghai, there was held on November 28, a meeting on the subject, "A Bible Reading Church." Addresses were delivered by the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. Lin of the American Bible Society, the Rev. George T. B. Davis of the Pocket Testament League, and Dr. Moffett of Korea.

Mr. Motokichi Hasegawa, newly appointed Vice-Consul attached to the Japanese Consulate-General, arrived in Shanghai from Japan on Nov. 26. After studying the Chinese language for a year or so, Mr. Hasegawa is to attend the Mixed Court in place of Mr. A. Tajima, Assessor. Whilst in London, he is said to have studied law in the Inner Temple and qualified as a Barrister.

Marshal Tsao Kun left Changchow, Honan, on Nov. 25, for Kailong to celebrate his own birthday. General Tien Wei-chin left there on the night of November 24 by a special train.

For his gallant and successful action in pursuing and mortally wounding an armed robber, Sergeant E. E. Harrison, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, has been granted six months' seniority.

Dame Nellie Melba, who opened her career at the Brussels Opera House, gave a farewell performance there on Nov. 30. Mr. Hislop, the British tenor, went specially from Stockholm to sing at this performance.

It is reported that Oonishi, a well-known Japanese champion wrestler, who retired from the wrestling world about two years ago, will undergo an entrance examination to Waseda University in order to prepare himself for standing for the Diet.

Long leave has been granted to Mr. G. E. Goolden, Distribution Engineering Assistant, Shanghai Municipality, from December 5, with permission to terminate his services at expiry thereof. Mr. N. L. Anderson has been appointed Distribution Engineering Assistant from November 15.

A telegram has been received by the Peking branch of the Kuomintang Party from Hankow stating that the Canton National Government is making preparations to station Mr. I. Pei-chi in Japan as its representative. Mr. I. Pei-chi was formerly Minister of Education in the Peking Government.

Judge John Barton Payne, Chairman of the American Red Cross, now visiting in Japan, was decorated on Nov. 25, by the Prince Regent with the Grand Cordon of the First Class Order of Merit. This is in recognition of his valuable service in behalf of Japan after the great earthquake and fire.

King George IV cured General Sir George Higginson of smoking. General Higginson recalled on his 100th birthday, recently, that when he was a child the king noticed him in his perambulator one day and, for a joke, since the child was staring at the king's cigar, put it to the baby's lips. This nauseous impression stayed with him all his life, Sir George stated.

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SPORTS SECTION

LIGHT BLUES WIN

INTER-VARSITY RUGGER MATCH.

OXFORD SCORE FIRST.

London, Dec. 14. In the inter-Varsity Annual rugby match at Twickenham, Cambridge defeated Oxford by 20 points to 5.

Landau scored a try for Oxford after four minutes' play and Berkeley converted.

Then Cambridge put on strong pressure and Hamilton Smythe scored a try which was not converted.

Following an attack by Oxford, Lewis of the Light Blues picked up in the loose and scored a brilliant try which Berkeley converted.

At half-time Cambridge led by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to Oxford's 5 points (1 goal).

In the second half Cambridge were almost continually attacking.

Six tries were added by Hamilton-Smythe, Allen, Taylor, Rowe, Handing, Barlow and Taylor in the order named, Barlow converting two of them.

The final score was: Cambridge (8 goals, 5 tries, 20 points) Oxford (1 goal, 5 points).

The weather was dull and showery. There were 30,000 spectators.—Reuter.

THE FAVOURITES.

Dark Blues' Pack Causes Disappointment.

Richmond, Nov. 27. Oxford's astonishing failure against the London Scottish within a fortnight of the Varsity match at once marks Cambridge as strong favourites.

The Oxonians' pack, which some experts regarded as the strong point in the team was to-day out-weighted and beaten in the scrums.

The halves and "threes" showed no variety, and neither ran strongly nor handled well. They were also indifferent in tackling, nevertheless they had much the better of the first 20 minutes' play, but twice threw away fine chances of scoring.

After this they were almost always outplayed.

On the contrary Cambridge convincingly trounced Taylor's.

AWARDED BLUES.

South Africans Chosen in Both Fifteens.

London, Nov. 29. W. Taylor (Trinity College), W. Lewis (Pembroke College), G. McIlwaine (Selwyn College), G. Coghlan (Clare College), A. Williams (Caius College), and J. J. Smith (Trinity College), have been awarded rugby blues at Cambridge University.

Lewis is a Welsh international half. McIlwaine and Williams are South Africans.

Jacob, the Oxonian three-quarter, is not expected to play in the inter-Varsity match owing to an injury to his knee, sustained on Saturday whilst playing against the London Scottish.

London, Nov. 30. Oxford rugby blues have been awarded to N. Macdermott (Trinity Hall), F. Spragg (Pembroke), A. Hepenstall (Wadham), and T. Gubb (University), who is a South African.

BOXING CHALLENGES.

Stoker Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge of the Royal Naval Yard, lightweight boxing champion of the Colony, has accepted the challenge of Andre Dupre, the French featherweight, to a contest here on the winner-take-all basis, provided the bout is staged by Dec. 27, as he (Cartledge) sails for Home by the "Autolycus" on Dec. 28.

As stated yesterday, these two men have met twice in Hong Kong, the first ending in a draw and Cartledge winning the second on points.

Kid Raymond, the Philippine featherweight and lightweight boxer now in the Colony, also expresses a desire to meet Dupre on the same basis.

BOXING "BOOKING."

For the third H.K.B.A. boxing tournament of the season at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday (Dec. 21), booking will open at Messrs. Moutrie's on Friday and Saturday for members only; and on Monday and Tuesday for the general public.

Accepting telegraphic invitation from Chicago University, the baseball team of Waseda University has decided to proceed to America next year.

TUNNEY WINS CASE.

WILL SUE N.Y. BOXING CHAMPION.

CHAMPION'S EXHIBITIONS.

New York, Dec. 14. The action against Gene Tunney, who was arrested on Nov. 29 and charged with violating the Boxing Law by giving exhibitions in a local theatre, was to-day dismissed.



GENE TUNNEY

The magistrate was of the opinion that the proceedings were not instituted in good faith.

Tunney states that he will bring an action against the chairman of the New York Boxing Commission on grounds of illegal arrest.—Reuter's American Service.

Facts of the Case.

Gene Tunney (who defeated Jack Dempsey and became the world's boxing champion) bouts with two sparring partners on Nov. 29, was summoned for a violation of the Boxing Law prohibiting sparring in unlicensed places.

A few hours later, Tunney was due for a second performance, but was arrested.

There was an angry scene at the police station between Tunney and an inspector of the State Boxing Commission, Tunney declaring that he was a victim of personal spite. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$500 and the case has now been heard.

TITLE CONTEST.

Elky Clark to Box on December 20.

London, Nov. 28. The contest between Elky Clark, flyweight boxing champion of Britain and Europe, and Alf Barber has been fixed for Dec. 20. An earlier cable stated that Clark was suffering from tonsillitis and the original date of the fight was altered.

KOWLOON GOLF.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

With several scratch men appearing (handicap 7 for the Club), the Kowloon Golf Club championship will be very interesting this year.

The draw has been made as follows:—
F. Lickley v. S. Gray, F. E. Remedios v. I. Newton, G. B. Slipp v. T. E. Martin, T. Allen v. E. da Rosa, T. E. Jones v. F. X. Remedios, K. S. Robertson v. A. W. Roberts, J. McQueen v. A. W. du Rosa, T. Andrews v. S. Hewkin, J. D. Thomson v. H. Page, J. McLaggen v. F. Wheeler, B. Thomson v. V. C. Labrum.

The following receive byes: F. Keilley, E. Clough, W. McG. Davies, W. J. Carroll and D. C. Wilson.

[Conditions are 18 holes, match play.]
K. S. Robertson, McLaggen, Wilson, da Rosa, Remedios, Thomson and Clough are among the favourites.

In their league cricket match against the Hong Kong C. C. 2nd XI on the I.R.C. ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the home club's 2nd XI will be represented by:—Sirdar Khan (captain), S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. Rahmin, S. A. Hussain, A. S. Sufad, D. Mohamad, J. S. Ackber, and M. P. Madar.

BASKETBALL.

LATEST CHANGES IN THE RULES.

EXPLAINED IN DETAIL.

Several minor changes have been made in the Basketball Rule for 1926-7.

For the benefit of local players of this game, these are given below together with such comment as is necessary.

Rule 1, Section 3.—A diameter is to be drawn in the centre circle parallel to the end lines. [The purpose of this is to denote the part of the circle belonging to each jumper.]

Rule 4, Section 1.—An air pressure of thirteen pounds is recommended as a satisfactory inflation for the ball. [This applies to the valve ball which permits the use of an air gauge.]

Rule 6, Section 6.—If an injury takes place while the ball is in play, the officials are to withhold the play.

LADIES' TENNIS FINAL.

Miss Robinson in Challenge Round.

In the final of the Ladies' Recreation Club open singles, championship of the Colony at lawn tennis, Miss Robinson defeated Miss Enid Lo on Monday by 6-4, 6-4 after a fine match.

The winner will meet Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) in the challenge round.

their whistles until a play has been completed. [The section explains what is meant by "completed." Of course, the captain of the team in possession of the ball can obtain "time out" immediately under the privilege given him in Rule 14, Section 1. The purpose of this change is to prevent the officials from "killing" a play because of an apparent injury which often has no effect upon the play itself.]

Rule 6, Section 7.—The Umpire is given authority to disqualify players for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rule 8, Section 5.—Each centre player shall stand with both feet on or inside his half of the centre circle. [This is, the centre is no longer required to stand with his feet entirely inside the circle, but each foot is in a legal position if any part of it touches the arc, or if it is entirely inside the arc. Neither foot, however, should touch the diameter.]

Rule 11, Section 1.—"Time Out" shall not be granted for a substitution at the request of a captain after the ball is in position for one or more free throws. Such "time out" may be granted between the calling of the foul and taking it to the free throw line, but not thereafter until the throw or throws have been taken, whereupon the old rule governs. In case of free throws awarded to both teams "time out" may be granted while the ball is being taken from one free throw line to the other.

Rule 13, Section 6.—An attempt is made to word this section more clearly and a new ruling is inserted. If two or more throws are awarded to the same team, at least one of which is for a personal foul, the ball is in play if the last free throw is missed. [For instance, a foul is called upon a player for holding and immediately thereafter a technical foul is called on the same player for delaying the game. The general rule that the ball goes to centre after a free throw following a technical foul does not apply here, but the ball is in play if the last free throw is missed. If free throws are awarded both teams, of course the ball goes to centre after the last free throw.]

Rule 14, Section II (a).—Centre ball, instead of nearer free throw line.

Rule 15, Section 13. Penalty (a) If a player is fouled in the act of throwing for goal, the goal counts if made. The clause, "If the ball has left the player's hands when the whistle blows for the foul" is eliminated. [Of course, this applies to a continuous play. If a player is fouled while attempting to shoot and the whistle blows causing the defence to stop playing, whereupon the player fouled shoots his goal, the goal would not count. This would constitute two distinct attempts or acts of throwing for goal, the second taking place entirely after the ball is dead.]

Numerous changes in wording have been made in other parts of the Rules, but the intent of such parts is not altered.

The Shanghai Cricket Club propose giving a dinner on Friday, the 17th instant, to the team which visited Hong Kong.

Reminder: annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in Messrs. Jardine's board room at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Nov. 27. In the rugby county championship, Lancashire beat Durham by 31 points to 17 at Manchester, and Gloucestershire beat Somerset by 17 points to 14, at Bridgwater.

Results of other matches played to-day under rugby union rules are as follows:—

Bristol 3, Rosslyn Park 6.
Cambridge University 22, Old Merchant Taylors 0.
Cheltenham 14, Gloucester 3.
Harlequins 8, Blackheath 0.
Leicester 13, Maoris 15.
London Scottish 15, Oxford University 0.
London Welsh 19, Oxford and Cambridge Welsh 3.
Old Alleynians 0, Richmond 12.
St. Bart's Hospital 6, Devonport Services 3.
Swansea 8, Newport 11.
Llanelli 5, Aberavon 8.
Stewartians 9, Glasgow Academicals 17.
Heriot-Watts 30, West of Scotland 0.
North 14, Penarth 4.
Glasgow 19, London Irish 6.
Cardiff 17, Coventry 9.
Watsonians 20, Selkirk 9.

London, Nov. 29. At Rugby, Leicester beat Cardiff by eight points to seven.

BILLIARDS "PRO."

VISITING HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

Mr. H. W. Stevenson, the famous billiards professional, passed through Hong Kong yesterday en route to Shanghai and Japan on the a.s. "Takikawa."

Mr. Stevenson expects to return to the Colony about Jan. 6, to play at several of the local Clubs.

Mr. P. T. Farrell, hon. secretary of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong, is in charge of the arrangements in connection with Mr. Stevenson's visit to Hong Kong next month.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

ARRANGING FOR XMAS SEASON.

SOCIAL TO SERVICES.

Old news gets very stale, so we will content ourselves with saying that last week the Y.M. won a billiards match with H.M.S. "Vindictive" and a hockey match with Submarine L20.

Coming events, of course, are always more interesting and this week we have an interesting meeting on Thursday night. It takes the form of a sing-song for the Services. The Social Committee is arranging the programme, which contains both Y.M. members, and Service men. The social starts at 9.00 p.m., and refreshments will be served in the course of the evening.

As this article is an official communication, we would, on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. give a very hearty invitation to members of either Service, to come along on Thursday evening. They will be assured of a hearty welcome.

Billiards.

This evening the Y. M. C. A. billiards team meets a team from H.M.S. "Ambrose." The Y.M. team consists of Messrs. W. Brown, W. Clough, W. R. Greenhalgh, N. Trambitsky, J. C. Long, and J. Jack.

Christmas is looming in the very near future, and the mind of the Social Committee has been exercised as to what way the Y.M. could best show the spirit of Christmas, and it has decided to ask the members of the Y.M. each to invite as a guest to the Christmas day tiffin some member of the Services.

It is hoped to get forty guests along on that day. In addition, in the evening, there will be a grand Christmas party when high revelry will be the order of the day—or rather, night.

The "Flying Y."

Next Saturday the "Flying Y" will hold its fortnightly run. We hope that the monotony of the circuit will not deter people, but it is not the fault of the "Flying Y" that there is only one road. When another is built we will use it! We shall start from the Y.M. Building at 2.15 p.m., and a stop will be made at the Cafeteria, Castle Peak, for tea.

The speaker at the next Quiet Hour, Sunday, Dec. 19, will be the Rev. Walter Scott, Chaplain of H.M.S. "Hawkins."

Contributions for the "Red Triangle" are invited. They should be preferably in lighter vein. Send contributions to the Y.M. care of The Secretary.—Contributed.

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PREFERENCE SHARE ISSUE.

New capital of \$1,000,000 by the creation of further preference shares was sanctioned at this morning's extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd.

Shareholders present in the office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. (general managers) comprised Mr. E. G. Shewan (chairman), Mr. E. M. Raymond (of the Consulting Committee) and Messrs. A. A. Botelho, H. Dreyer, A. Keith, D. W. Munton, I. W. Shewan, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin. At the table were also Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons' (solicitors for the company) and Mr. A. Brawn (secretary).

Further Heavy Payments.

The chairman said:—"Gentlemen,—The object of the resolutions 'in the notice just read' (by the secretary) is to raise further working capital by creating and issuing further preference shares in addition to those already created all of which have been allotted, and most of the allotment moneys utilised in meeting various obligations of the company."

"We have now further heavy payments to meet, and we therefore propose to create such further preference shares to rank pari passu in all respects with the existing preference shares."

How Issue Will Be Made.

"We are not offering these shares to shareholders generally, as we do not think that in the present state of the money market any appreciable number of them would be taken up. There is, however, one shareholder, a large creditor who, we believe, is willing to come to our help, and we are therefore asking you to allow your managers and consulting committee to make the best arrangements possible under the circumstances in respect of the allotment thereof."

Unanimous Approval.

The first resolution read by the chairman was:—

"That the capital of the company be increased by the creation of one hundred thousand new shares of \$10 each to be called preference shares which shall carry the same special rights and privileges as are attached to the existing preference shares and shall in all respects rank pari passu therewith."

[This was seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond.]

The second resolution was:—"That the said new one hundred thousand preference shares shall be allotted at such times and in such manner and for such purposes in every respect as the company's general managers with the sanction of the consulting committee may decide."

[Seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer.] Both resolutions were carried unanimously and the business then concluded.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the weather forecast for all local districts is: Light, N.E. winds, freshening; fog at first, clearing later.

At 10.50 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has decreased considerably over S.W. Japan and slightly over the Loo-choos. It has increased moderately over S. Manchuria and central China and is nearly stationary over S. China and the Philippines. Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.91; temperature 71; humidity 96; weather overcast and foggy.

The anti-opium movement has been handed over to the care of the Hankow Market Political Committee in Hankow. Two-thirds of the opium tax is to be appropriated for public use, while the rest is for police administration.

An invitation has been issued by Waseda University to the Southern California University to send a group of track and field athletes to Japan next spring. It is expected that the party of 15 American athletes will arrive in Japan in June, if the invitation is accepted.

M. Czernych, new Charge d'Affaires to China for the Soviet Embassy, arrived in Peking on November 20 to take over his duties. M. Czernych has been in Harbin for some time. It is said at the embassy that he is not Russia's Ambassador to China, in spite of Press reports circulated to that effect.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Loan Society.
T.T. on London	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	80 3/4	80 3/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1150 s	1125 b 1135 s	1137 1/2 s
do. London.	4115 n	—	4115 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	421 s	421 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & E.	430 3/4 n.	430 3/4 n.	—
do. C.	413 3/4 b.	413 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	404 b.	410 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n.	80 s.	80 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	640 b	640 b 650 s	640 b
China Underwriters	145 n.	140 n	120 b
North China Insurance.	1145 n.	140 n	—
Union Insurance	290 p	290 sa	190 b
Yangtze Insurance	445 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b.	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 1/2 b	28 b 29 s	28 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	26 b	26 b 26 1/2 20	27 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	154 n	254 n. (sa)	2 n
Indo-China (Pref)	32 b	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	90 n.	90 b 92 1/2 b.	90 n.
Star Ferries	60 s	57 b 58 s	58 b
Water-boats	15 1/2 b & 32	15 n.	15 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25 s	23 1/2 b 24 s	25 s
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	14 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 b	42 1/2 n.	41 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	24 1/2 b	21 n.	28 1/2 n
do. (Single)	12 n.	11 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	78 n	5 n.	—
Raub	4 1/2 n	3 40 b	3 1/2 n.
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	115 n	110 s	110 b
H.K. & W. Docks	48 s	45 s	47 s
Hongkew	1710 n	—	175 n.
New Engineerings	15 s	6 s	5 s
Shanghai Docks	117 s	112 b 114 s	115 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	0 1/4 s	0 b	0 n
Hongkong Lands	58 s	55 b 56 s	57 s
Hongkong Realty	6 1/2 b	6 b	6 s
H.K. Territorial	3 s.	3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 s	14 s	14 s
Prince's Building	8 1/2 n	8 1/2 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7 3/4 s	8 3/4 b 9 s	9 s.
Oriental	23 s	23 1/2 b	25 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	75 1/2 n	50 b	54 n.
do. (new)	72 1/2 n	25 b	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton, Ices	5 n.	4 n	5 n
Cements (comb.)	11 s	9 b	9 1/2 s
do. (old)	0 n.	8 n	8 n
do. (new)	2 n.	2 n	1 1/2 s
China Buses	0 1/4 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	17 1/2 n	16 1/2 b 17 s	17 1/2 s
do. (old)	13 1/2 s	12 b	12 1/2 s
do. (new)	10 1/2 s	9 b	9 s
China Prov.	5 1/2 n	5 10 b	5 s
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 b	18 1/2 b	18 40 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	16 b	15 n	16 n
H.K. Constructions	1 1/2 b	1 1/2 b	2 b
Hongkong Electric	57 1/2 59 s	57 b & sa	57 b
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	—	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	23 1/2 s	22 1/2 b	23 s
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	16 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	7 60 p	8 n	7 1/2 n
Sincere	9 1/2 s	9 30 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	15 1/2 s	10 1/2 b	13 1/2 n
Taxis	2 s	1 b	80 Cts. s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	13 n	13 1/4 s	13 s
Wm. Powells	62 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	4 s	3 40 b	3 60 b

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This radioed photograph from Paris shows Prince Carol (left) and Queen Marie at their meeting at which the errant prince was reconciled with his mother.



This is a new picture of the former Maxine Hodges, who was married to Tex Rickard, sports promoter.



The casket containing the body of Rudolph Valentino was carried into the Grand Central station, New York, on the start of the trip to Hollywood, where it was buried.



Mrs. Lorraine Whelan Sicaff (left) told the police that she agreed to pose as having been at the Carmel cottage at the time witnesses said they saw Aimee Semple McPherson (right), evangelist, there. She was to receive \$5,000 for this, she declared. Note the resemblance between the two.



Jim Corbett, former heavy-weight boxing champion, was photographed on his sixtieth birthday. He appears half his age.



Max D. Steuer, (left), noted attorney, and Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney-General, conferred on the defense of the latter. Daugherty was on trial in New York on charges of conspiring to defraud the Government, but the jury disagreed.



Lucy Paule, twelve, was found by police living with Thomas Buchs, sixty-six. Police said the girl attended school, but was the man's wife by night.



Sidney Heller, jun., won the heart of Queen Marie of Roumania on their voyage to America.



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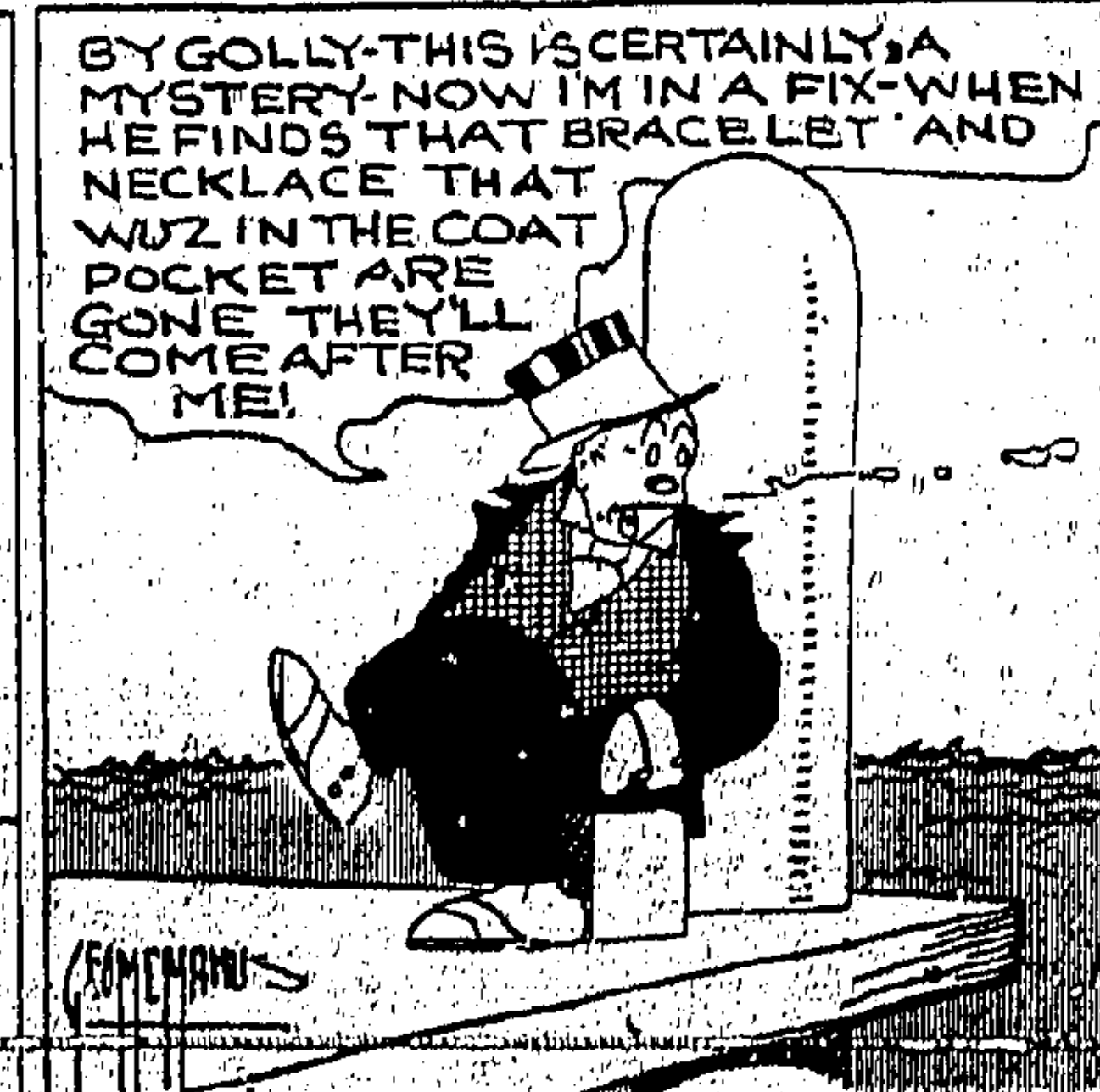


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Governor Ralph O. Brewster, Republican, was re-elected in Maine. Edward L. Doherty, oil magnate, filed briefs to support his claim to oil rights in Elk Hills, which were involved in the Doherty-Fall case. The candidacy of William E. Wilson for Senator from Pennsylvania was aided when Governor Gifford Pinchot refused to support William S. Vare. General Alvaro Obregon escaped being taken prisoner by 2,000 rebellious Mexican fighters.

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MASS MEETING ABANDONED.

Vigorous protests of Chinese authorities and inclement weather (reports the "Shanghai Times" of December 6) combined to prevent the scheduled mobster mass meeting at the Public Recreation Ground, near West Gate. During the afternoon a number of stragglers, obviously in favour of conducting the proposed meeting, appeared at the Public Recreation Ground, but no attempt to hold the meeting was made.

Behind the plan for the scheduled gigantic mass meeting is seen the hand of a number of Chinese political and labour organisations, their motive being the promulgation of a general strike throughout Shanghai and the surrounding district, similar in scope to the proposed strike at Hankow.

Strike agitators are also busy. It is evident from various attempts to hold small meetings in various sections of the city. Police vigilance has resulted in the dispersing of many of these meetings.

A large number of Chinese constables and soldiers also patrolled Nantao to suppress the proposed meeting. Roads leading to the Public Recreation Ground, West Gate, were carefully guarded preventing any suspicious characters getting through.

Strikers Dispersed.

The theory has also been advanced that professional strike agitators from Hankow are in Shanghai for the purpose of organising a general strike here, in sympathy with the one at Hankow.

More than 100 strikers were dispersed by police of the Yangtszepoo Station on Saturday afternoon when they were found conducting a meeting in a house at 986 Baikal Road without permission. A bundle of inflammable handbills was seized by the police. The police also found a banner bearing the name of the Yangtszepoo Spinning and Weaving Mills Labour Union. A number of strikers were questioned but no arrests made.

According to the police, strike agitators from the Baikal Road address called in the day attempted to hold a meeting in the Wayside District but were dispersed by the police.

Acting upon the belief that their wages were to be reduced 20 per cent., approximately 1,500 employees of the Japanese King

Dah No. 2 Cotton Mill, 40 Yangtszepoo Road, early on Saturday morning went on strike and a few hours later were joined by an equal number of day employees. In all, more than 3,200 workers are striking.

During the past few days, it was learned, a rumour, unfounded, has persisted at the mill that wages were receiving a drastic cut. Agitators are said to have circulated among the mill workers, advising them to go on immediate strike.

Three demands have been submitted by the strikers. They are:

1. Protest against the curtailment of mill apprentices.
2. Protests against the reduction of night duty allowance from two cents to one cent.
3. Protests against an assault on a certain worker.

The Kung Dah mill was formerly owned by Ibert and Co., but a few years ago was taken over by the present owners. The strike has not affected workers in the No. 1 mill of the company.

The strike, while not regarded as serious, is being watched with interest.

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The principal characters are a powerful mandarin and his daughter Kin Chi, who loves her father's secretary Chang, but is betrothed by wile to a wicked war lord, Ta Jin. By collusion

SOUTH'S HOPE.

AID FROM FENG AND
WU.

TO HELP AGAINST MUKDEN

Peking, December 10.—The most important military developments now are pending in Central China centering upon Changchow in Honan Province, the junction point of the Peking-Hankow and the Lunghai railway lines.

Chang Hsueh-liang at the head of 60,000 men, the flower of the Fengtien Army is soon to leave Peking for Changchow in an effort to stem the new onslaught of the Cantonese who are rapidly pushing forward along the railway line from Sinyangchow. The Southerners are now more than 250 miles from their Hankow base.

Meantime, Marshal Chang Chung-chang is concentrating at Hsuehchowfu, the eastern terminus of the Lunghai railway, and its junction with the Tientsin-Pukow line. He is in position to make a rapid move westward along the Lunghai railway and effect a linking with the main Fengtien army.

The menace of Feng Yu-hsiang also begins to loom now as his forces are said to be concentrating at or eastward of Tungshan and expect to join the Cantonese before they reach Changchowfu. With all the resources of the Peking-Hankow's southern section at their command, the Cantonese are endeavouring to arrive in time to push back the Shantung forces or at least keep them from joining up with the Fengtien vanguard.

In this move, it is understood, the Southerners are counting on active assistance from Wu Peifu whose armies have been recuperating near Chengchow for some weeks. Should this work according to their hopes, the Cantonese plan is said to be a grand onslaught toward Peking to the extent at least of throwing the Fengtien troops out of Honan and of consolidating that province with their Southern holdings.

The two outstanding points in the general lineup are the effort of Feng Yu-hsiang to join up with the Cantonese and of Chang Chung-chang to get to Changchow in time to assist the Young General's operations there—United Press.

with her faithful maid, Kin Chi frequently meets Chang beneath the willow tree—and then tragedy.

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 Shanghai 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.
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 Japan and Shanghai 4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.
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 Japan 4.30 p.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.
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GREAT SAFETY.

Progress In Empire Airways.

FLIGHTS TO INDIA.

Important Air Ministry Memorandum.

Rugby, Dec. 14.

The Air Ministry's memorandum to the Imperial Conference dealing comprehensively with Imperial Air Communication is now published.

After surveying the substantial progress made regarding aeroplane services and their suggested development of co-operation with the Dominions, it indicates the great advances made as a result of research, experiment and trial in airship development.

Hitherto the chief cause of the irregularity of airship flying has been the difficulty of handling ships on the ground and the risk involved in taking them in and out of sheds except in favourable weather.

Mooring Masts. As a result of the development of a system of mooring at masts, airships can now be moored to a mast by a mast crew of ten, and it should be possible in the future to operate from the mast for long periods, refuelling and changing engines and even the gas bags while so moored.

The airship shed should then be more analogous to the dry dock of the surface ship than to its ordinary harbour.

In connection with the experimental voyage to India and back, two airships have been designed, and are in the first stages of production.

The masts at Cardington and Ismailia have been completed, and a shed at Karachi on the site presented with the grant-in-aid by the Indian Government, had been begun.

Greater Safety. As a result of the knowledge accumulated during the meteorological investigations of the route, experimental flights will be made with a greater prospect of safety than would otherwise have been possible.

It remains to build airships to overcome the mechanical difficulties of the heavy oil engine, to establish a meteorological and wireless organisation; to carry out home trials; and to fly the two airships to India and back.

When this experimental programme has been successfully completed, says the memorandum, airship design and construction will have been placed upon an entirely new and more practical basis, and the way will be closer for carrying out the further experiments which are required to establish the practicability of regular airship operation throughout the Empire.

Aeroplane Transport. Dealing with aeroplane transport developments in various parts of the Empire, the memorandum refers to the investigations conducted by the Air Ministry committee into the opportunities for the operation of civil air transport in the neighbourhood of the West Indies.

It states that, consisting as they do, of a group of islands extending over roughly 1,800 miles and separated by considerable distances, the West Indies are in a position to derive the maximum benefit from the rapid transport facilities afforded by the air services.

Too Soon Yet. The Committee's report is not yet complete, but it recognises that a service throughout the West Indies is impracticable at present owing to the comparatively small volume of traffic likely to be forthcoming and the necessity of a large subsidy.

SOCIALIST DEFEAT.

NORWAY'S GENERAL ELECTION RESULT.

LIBERAL CABINET FORMED.

Copenhagen, Dec. 14. The elections for the Folkething resulted in the Liberals and Conservatives, combined, obtaining a majority of five over all other parties, and eight against the united Socialists and Radicals.

The position of the parties in the Folkething is now similar to that in the Landsting. The results follow:—

Socialists 53
 Liberals 47
 Conservatives 30
 Radicals 16
 Germans 1
 Righteous State Party 2

In consequence of the defeat of the Socialists, the Premier, Mr. Stauning, has resigned. The Socialists refused to participate in the formation of a Coalition Ministry.

Mr. Myrdal, the well-known agriculturist member of the Folkething, has formed a Liberal Ministry with himself as Premier and Minister of Agriculture. The other members of the Cabinet are:—

Mr. Moltzen, Foreign Affairs.
 Mr. Meergaard, Finance.
 Mr. Rytter, Justice.
 Mr. Slebsager, Commerce.
 Mr. Kragh, Interior.
 Mr. Brorsen, Defence.
 Mr. Bruun Rasmussen, Public Worship.
 Mr. Bystkov, Education.
 Mr. Rubow, Public Health.
 Mr. Stensballe, Public Works.

—Reuter.

DILATORY MEXICO.

FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES PROTEST.

RIGHTS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

New York, Dec. 14. The association of producers of oil in Mexico on behalf of 16 leading British and American companies, has telegraphed the Mexican Secretary of Commerce "complaining that many months have elapsed since they applied for confirmation of their rights in respect of leases acquired before May, 1917, and they are still without an answer."

The companies submit that they are justly entitled to ample opportunity to consider the final terms of any confirmatory concessions the Government expects them to accept as a valid recognition of their rights.

The telegram reiterates that the law does not provide adequate preservation for valid recognition of their pre-constitutional rights.—Reuter's American Service.

AIRMEN'S TROPHY.

VISCOUNT ESHER PRESENTS CUP.

Rugby, Dec. 14. The Air Ministry announces that Viscount Escher has presented a handsome trophy to be awarded annually to the squadron of the auxiliary Air Force adjudged to be the best all-round squadron of the year.

One of the London squadrons commanded by Lord Edward Grosvenor won the trophy this year.—British Wireless Service.

DUBLIN RAIDS.

RELEASE OF DETAINED PERSONS.

London, Dec. 14. It is officially announced that all persons detained in the Irish Free State under the emergency act recently passed by the Free State Parliament following the raids on barracks have been released by order of the Executive Council.—Reuter.

Washington, December 14.—Mr. Kellogg has sent a letter to the Senate on the German claims saying a settlement has been reached without any modification of United States rights.—Reuter's American Service.

ORIENTAL BANK.

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second mortgage for \$10,000 was granted to Messrs. Wo Cho-tai and Leung Yee-koo on the security of the Bank premises, granted against payment of \$10,000; that at the same time, \$1,000 had been repaid to Loo Fu against a fixed deposit which was not due until November 2, 1926; that sums amounting to \$16,039.60 were paid to Lai Hin-man, one of the liquidators; that on the same date over \$16,150.60 was paid to Leung Chak-tsun, a director of the Bank; and that at the time, these payments were made the Company was insolvent and unable to pay its debts, the estimated deficiency being over \$900,000.

New Liquidators. At a meeting of creditors held on August 4, continued Mr. Sheldon, Messrs. J. H. Seth and S. H. Ross (on the proposition of petitioner) were unanimously appointed liquidators in substitution for those appointed by the Bank.

Subsequently, this resolution was considered by the legal advisors to the petitioner and it was thought that it was not sufficient and that a further resolution should have been passed. Consequently, this resolution was not proceeded with.

On August 13, the petitioner obtained an order in Miscellaneous proceedings in the matter of the appointment of an additional liquidator. On Nov. 5 at a meeting of creditors attended by upwards of 48 creditors resolutions were passed that "in the opinion of this meeting, the rights of creditors will be prejudiced by voluntary winding-up; that application be made for removal of the four liquidators previously appointed; that the attorney for trustee of the aforementioned firms in San Francisco should make the application for the winding-up of the Bank by the court and the removal of liquidators."

Case for Enquiry? One of Mr. Sheldon's submissions was that there was a case for enquiry.

His Lordship made an order in accordance with the petition. Messrs. Lai Hin-man and Kwok Tat-son to be removed from position of liquidators and liberty to apply in Chambers being given petitioner in respect of the two not served.

It was indicated that Messrs. Seth and Ross would continue to be liquidators under the order of the Court.

MINERS' HOURS.

Rugby, Dec. 14. Colonel Lane-Fox, Secretary for Mines, stated in the House of Commons that the number of miners working on the new basis of an 8-hours day is 456,164, while 265,550 are working 7½ hours. At the pits in various districts the 7-hours day is still in force.—British Wireless Service.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

TUESDAY, 21st December at 9.15 p.m. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

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v.

STOKER TAFF HOWARD

H.M.S. "Hawkins"

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v.

STOKER ADDISON

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